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HOUSING

Sales increase bucks local trend

Median home price hits \$600,000

By Judy Wakefield

When the Martins scheduled the first showing of their home at 1 Shipman Road earlier this month, they took off to Canobie Lake Park with their kids for the day. They got home at 5:30 p.m. and their realtor called 30 minutes later. There was an offer for the full asking price of \$599,900.

"I couldn't believe it," said Amy Martin, who has lived in the house for 10 years and loves the neighborhood. She is moving down the street to 31 Shipman Road with her husband, David, and their two children.

"We thought it would take longer to sell, but the market for us was very hot," she said.

Local real-estate agents — and statistics — say the Martins are not alone. While some suburbs around the state are reporting lagging home sales, Andover homes continue to turn over. House sales in some communities, including Dracut, Chelmsford, North Andover and Westford, have cooled by 16 to 37 percent when the number of houses sold between April and June 2004 is compared to the houses sold in same quarter of 2005, according to the Northeast Association of Realtors (NEAR).

But the Martins' Andover home joins several homes that have sold recently for their asking price or higher. A single-family colonial style home at 11 Seten Circle fetched \$20,000

more than its \$859,900 asking price when it sold this summer. Another colonial at 14 Wabanaki Way sold for \$12,000 more than the \$749,900 asking price.

Andover had a 36.6 percent increase in house sales during that time. In fact, Andover led the list of 15 NEAR communities with its percentage change. Only three other communities, Dunstable, Lawrence and Lowell, had increases in house sales during that time period. The 11 other communities saw decreases in home sales of as much as 37 percent. There was a 37 percent decrease in Dracut, 31 percent in Chelmsford, 22 percent in Westford and 16 percent in North Andover.

"If you overprice, it won't move," said local realtor Bill Buck of Stonewall Realty, who sold the house on Shipman Road. "You have to remember they only count what moves. But Andover continues to be a pretty stable market."

"It's a normal market," agreed Tom Carroll of ReMax Partners, "not as heady as years past. And, yes, it's steady."

He said there's a lot of inventory in town, but if a house is well-priced, it will move. Selling prices were taken from the MLS Property Information Network, which reports that housing inventory is up 40 percent this year over last year.

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AMY MARTIN, WHOSE HOME SOLD FOR ITS ASKING PRICE AT ITS FIRST SHOWING

Andover homeowners' tax bills rise too
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BUCKING A REGIONAL TREND — Amy Martin of Shipman Road believes the housing market has stayed strong in Andover, based on how quickly her own home sold.

SENIOR CENTER FAILS AGAIN



Don Robb withdraws four senior-center-related articles after residents voted against building a new senior center during Special Town Meeting at Andover High School. The project needed a two-thirds vote at Town Meeting to be approved.

Second effort 85 votes short

By Greta Cuyler and Rita Savard

With their hopes shattered again, Andover seniors solemnly filed out of Special Town Meeting Tuesday night after losing their latest bid for a new center by 85 votes.

The 28,340 square-foot, \$7.6 million construction project was rejected for the second time this year by residents, who previously threw out the proposal during Annual Town Meeting in May. The article received a majority of the votes, 633-444, but failed to garner the two-thirds majority needed to send the issue to a townwide referendum. The effort needed 718 votes.

"We're two 78-year-olds, who have spent all our lives here in Andover," said a disappointed Lucy Bowen, who stood arm-and-arm with her husband, Richard. "But they don't want us."

Richard Bowen, a former Andover selectman and town manager, said he did not blame town officials — who overwhelmingly stood against building the new center — for the lost vote.

"It's shameful," Richard Bowen said. "But if it's a fact that there are 5,500 seniors living in this town, and only (633) people came here tonight to vote for a new center. The turnout speaks volumes. The seniors voted with their feet. They didn't come."

Opponents still held fast to their opinions that a new senior center would cost taxpayers too much in tight fiscal times. Some projected operating expenses for fuel, electricity and maintenance totaling upwards of \$150,000 annually, placing an "enormous strain" on the town budget.

Finance Committee Chairwoman Joanne Marden said her board's stance

Major now pushing for building community center over youth center

Selectman Brian Major has advocated for a joint community center since just before Town Meeting in April, and he said he plans to push for more community-center discussion following the defeat of the senior-center effort.

Andover Youth Foundation President Dr. Larry Larsen said youth-center leaders are open to further discussions, but hopes talks happen sooner rather than later. "If it goes into an endless hiatus and planning phase, it'll be the next generation before anything comes to pass," he said.

Major said his best-case scenario would be to present a community-center proposal to voters prior to Town Meeting next spring.

Asked about his "worst-case scenario," he said it would be for the Andover Youth Foundation to build a youth center. "Hopefully that's not what happens," said the former adult member of the Andover Youth Council. He said he believes AYF leaders would be open to further community center discussions.

"You're probably not going to build something that will please everyone," he said. "But I think we can at least have a conversation about what makes sense."

The onus is now on the Board of Selectmen to bring youth, senior and community leaders together for discussions before the end of the year, said

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against the project remained unchanged from last spring. Marden said the committee's job is to look at hard facts and the members still failed to find a way that Andover could operate such a center in its budget.

"Higher real estate taxes will ultimately drive seniors out of Andover," said Bob Willard, of Tewksbury Street, adding that it would not be the lack of a "luxury senior center."

A larger crowd turned out for Special Town Meeting than had attended Annual Town Meeting, and Dorothy Bresnahan, who called the Special Town Meeting, said she believed there were more seniors the

second time around, too.

Clutching his walker when it was time to vote, 84-year-old James Sharry, of Forrest Drive, tried to stand before immediately collapsing back into his seat. It was important to Sharry, a center supporter, to stand tall during the vote tally. Sharry's wife, Dorothy, 84, and a friend, Marilyn Holmes, 75, helped him rise to his feet.

"It's terrible, just terrible," said Dorothy Sharry, after the defeat. "After all these years, living and paying taxes here in town, it would be nice if the town gave something to us."

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POLICE LOG

ARRESTS

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - At 7:22 p.m., Luis Lozano, 26, of 111 Garden St., Lawrence, was arrested and charged with driving with a revoked license, and committing traffic violations.

Thursday, Sept. 22 - At 8:23 p.m., Randolph Bisson, 50, of 3 Lewis St., was arrested and charged with committing traffic violations and driving with a revoked license.

Friday, Sept. 23 - At 11:06 p.m. Foster Jon Maki, 18, of 315 Turnpike St., North Andover, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

Sunday, Sept. 25 - At 1:35 a.m., Brian J. O'Neill, 20, of 12 Oxford Ave., Belmont, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct and illegal possession of alcohol.

At 2:01 a.m., Joseph E. Rodgers, 21, of 215 Auburn St., Newton, was arrested and charged with disorderly conduct.

At 9:02 p.m., Eric Galvin, 19, of 29 Dufton Road was arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance (marijuana).

At 9:35 p.m., Andrew P. Galvin, 18, of 29 Dufton Road and arrested and charged with possession of a Class D substance (marijuana).

Monday, Sept. 26 - At 2:35 a.m., police arrested and charged three juveniles with two counts of breaking and entering during the night at 96 North Main St. Bail was set in the amount of \$2,500. Police believed the teens were respon-

sible for at least two car breaks in the area. After a brief pursuit on foot, police apprehended the suspects on Railroad Street, near the commuter parking lot.

INCIDENTS

Thursday, Sept. 22 - At 4:52 p.m., High School Principal Peter Anderson called to report some students were smoking marijuana.

At 8:32 p.m., a caller reported that he was assaulted by his ex-wife at a Sanborn Elementary School function. The man told police he was still at the school, but his wife had left.

Friday, Sept. 23 - At 10 a.m., a resident reported that someone had placed rocks on the roadway at the end of his Dascomb Road property. Police left a note for the homeowner to remove the rocks.

At 12:07 a.m., a resident reported a male subject on the porch who was "freaking out." A female was attempting to get him back into the house. Police placed the subject into protective custody.

Saturday, Sept. 24 - At 8:44 a.m., a 911 caller reported her husband just got home from Logan Airport in a taxi and the driver was refusing to give him his luggage. The driver told police he thought he was in North Andover and wanted to charge more.

At 8:44 a.m., a resident reported an assault that occurred in his High Street home around midnight. The resident said he knew the assailant and drove

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AvalonBay affordable housing battle continues

Debate now in state's highest court, as developer appeals residents' victory

By Greta Cuyler

The state's highest court will now rule on whether upset River Road residents have standing to stop a large development proposed for their neighborhood.

Avalon at St. Clare Inc., the company proposing a 115-unit 40B development at 460 River Road, appealed a case on Sept. 14 to the State Judicial Court asking for further review of a lower court's decision that supported local residents fighting the development. (The neighbors filed an opposition to this Avalon filing on Sept. 26.)

The SJC will now decide whether to hear Avalon's appeal.

Neighbors fighting the proposed development won their appeal in Appeals Court on Aug. 26, when Judge Gordon Doerfer wrote a decision on behalf of a three-judge panel stating that residents have standing in their case against Avalon. This decision would have sent

the case back to Superior Court had Avalon not filed for appellate review.

The Andover Zoning Board issued a comprehensive permit to Avalon at St. Clare on May 22, 2002 for the apartment building on River Road. Avalon plans to tear down the existing four-story brick monastery formerly occupied by the Sisters of St. Clare. It will build a single, 60-foot high, four-story apartment building, a parking lot for 220 vehicles, a clubhouse, a management and leasing office and an enclosed recycling center. Twenty-nine units will be designated as low- or moderate-income housing.

The Andover Zoning Board initially turned down Avalon's request for a comprehensive permit. Avalon appealed that decision to the state's Housing Appeals Committee because the town was below the state guideline of having 10-percent affordable housing stock. The town then negotiated with Aval-

on, reduced the number of buildings and units in the development and the project was ultimately approved.

Since then, neighbors filed a civil suit against Avalon. One of the neighbors is Eileen Standerwick, who has lived in the neighborhood of the proposed project for nearly 25 years. She and others argue that the reasons that the town denied the original building permit are still valid concerns and were never resolved before the town ultimately issued the building permit. "It's just not the right spot for a high density development. It puts everyone at more risk, including everyone (who) might live there," said Standerwick. She cited traffic and sewer as major issues, as well as the distance from emergency services.

Neighbors also claim that the proposed development will cause area property values to fall. Steve Colyer, the town's planning director, said he was interested in the argument of the

property devaluation. "Every national report I've read (on that subject) shows that not to be true," he said.

The SJC decides whether to hear a case within 60 days, said Kevin O'Flaherty, the Goulston & Storrs attorney representing Avalon. The court could make one of three possible decisions, he said. It could decide to hear the appeals case. Or it could decline to review the case, which would send Avalon and the neighbors back to Superior Court. Or it could choose to hear part of the case. "Basically, the appeals court made a couple of mistakes in their decision," said O'Flaherty. "We're willing to continue to proceed to vindicate our rights."

Standerwick says the neighbors who oppose the development are prepared to see the court process through. "We still remain convinced it's the wrong spot for a high density development," she said. "We're not prepared to give up anytime soon."

Power outages: Tucker puts Mass Electric 'on notice'

By Greta Cuyler

State Sen. Sue Tucker (D-Andover) has joined the effort to reduce the number of power outages in Andover.

She wrote a letter to Massachusetts Electric on Sept. 23, 11 days after selectmen met with the utility to discuss the power problems.

The frequent power outages downtown and in the Shawshen area are "unacceptable,"

Tucker wrote. Local families and businesses have told her the outages caused serious disruption, she said.

"I put Mass Electric on notice that I'm going to be monitoring this," Tucker said.

Andover has had 95 power outages over the past 12 months. Each outage has lasted at least two hours and affected multiple customers. Tewksbury has had 78 outages during the

same period, Methuen, 76, North Andover, 68.

Mass Electric will fix the problem, representatives told the Board of Selectmen on Sept. 12. It has redesigned circuit flow at its Ballardvale substation. The company believes trees are also contributing to the problem and will bring a tree-cutting program to Andover. Mass Electric arborists will prune overhanging tree limbs

and chop down dead and diseased trees with consent from homeowners.

Tucker hopes for a resolution and says she told utility officials she expects the tree-cutting program to be completed this winter.

"(The outages) are totally unacceptable for what we're paying for electricity today," she said.

Tucker is the vice chairwoman of the state legislators' Joint Committee on Telecommunications, Utilities and Energy, which monitor utilities.

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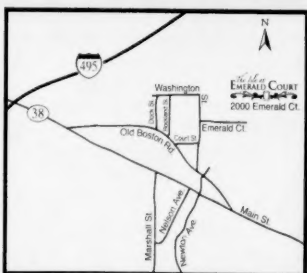
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IN BRIEF

Many hands sought to create Andover art for downtown

The Addison Gallery of American Art wants Andover residents of all ages to join it in creating a collaborative portrait of Andover inspired by the prints of artist Chuck Close. Those who do will see their work hung in downtown Andover.

Using a variety of artistic techniques inspired by the Addison Gallery exhibition, *Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration*, participants will design their own part of an

enlarged rendering of downtown Andover, say organizers. This free, interactive event will be held on Saturday, Oct. 15 from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Addison Gallery.

Employing the grid style favored by Close, a large-scale photograph picturing the town center will be divided into squares. Each square will then be recreated by participants in pencil, paint, or fingerpaint in tribute to the varied styles found in Chuck Close's work. Once all square sections have been com-

pleted, the image will be reassembled to create a mural.

The completed mural will be hung in a public location in downtown Andover.

Those interested in participating should drop in at the Addison any time between 2 and 4 p.m. Addison education staff will provide introductory tours of the exhibition and guide visitors during the art-making process. No artistic experience is necessary and all materials will be provided.

League examines alternative fuels issue

League of Women Voters of Andover/North Andover will host "Our Impact on the Coming Age of Alternative Energy," a workshop on national energy policies in an age of diminishing fossil-fuel supplies, on Oct. 3, at 7:15 p.m., South Church, Central Street, Andover.

The event is free and open to the public.

"The need for a meaningful national energy policy is long overdue," states workshop host, Norman Viehmann.

For more information, contact Joyce Ringleb at 978-204-0771.

Quote, unquote . . .

WHO IN THIS FAMILY HAD the brain surgery? I can't remember.

— A favorite joke of Linda Feinberg, when someone in her family forgets something. Feinberg, who nearly died from a brain aneurysm nine years ago, now paints. Her show has an opening reception at Essex Art Center tomorrow, Friday. (Story in Arts & Entertainment, page 11)

IT'S REAL DIFFERENT HERE, but I like it. If there is a better place, I'd like to stay where it's better.

— Marcus Pierre, a high school senior, who is going to school in Andover and plans to graduate here because Hurricane Katrina destroyed his home. (Story in Education, page 6)

PAST AND PRESENT



OLDER PHOTO COURTESY OF ANDOVER HISTORICAL SOCIETY. MODERN-DAY PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Prior to 1960, Sid White owned and operated Wild Rose Farm on Lowell Street, but in 1960 he moved his herd to land at Argilla Road and set up a dairy bar known as Rose Glen on nearby Andover Street. For years, families would buy extra ice-cream cones and feed them to ducks at a pond across the street. Today the building houses the Village Deli.

Mobil clean up

The Mobil Service Station at 309 Lowell St., Andover has been identified as the location of a release of petroleum to the environment. The Public Involvement Plan for the site requires that people be notified of the availability of the Release Abatement Measure Report in the local repositories of Andover. The local repositories include Andover Memorial Hall Library and the Board of Health office in Andover. The Board of Health office is open weekdays 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., and can be reached at 978-623-8295.

Legislators' hours

State Sen. Sue Tucker will hold her monthly office hours at the Andover Memorial Library today, Thursday, Sept. 29 from 7 to 8 p.m.

State Rep. Barry R. Finegold and staff will hold open office hours on Monday, Oct. 3 in Lawrence and Andover. Due to the renovations at the Senior Center in Tewksbury, Finegold will hold office hours in Tewksbury at the end of the month. Office hours will be held at the Andover Senior Center, from noon to 1 p.m. after Finegold visits the Lawrence Senior Center from 10:30 to 11:30 a.m.

October health clinics

Senior-center clinics will be held 2 to 3 p.m. each Wednesday, Oct. 5, 12, 19 and 26 by the Andover Health Department. No appointment is necessary.

The department also will offer mini clinics on Monday, Oct. 17 from 2 to 3 p.m. at Andover Commons, and on Monday, Oct. 24 from 1 to 2 p.m. at Frye Circle.

News Calendar

Thursday, Sept. 29

Bancroft School Improvement Council. Bancroft School, teachers' lounge, 8:15 a.m.

Wednesday, Oct. 5

Conservation Commission, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:45 p.m.

Thursday, Oct. 6

Greater Lawrence Coalition on Bioterrorism meeting, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 10 a.m.

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 7 p.m.

Friday, Oct. 7

School Committee, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Grief support group

Merrimack Valley Hospice and Free Christian Church will offer a grief support group starting Thursday, Oct. 6. The group will meet from 6:30 to 8 p.m. for six weeks and will explore the definition of grief, bereavement and mourning, theories about the stages of grief and other related topics. The group is free of charge and open to all. Facilitators are Judy Berube, and Terry Holbrook, both of Merrimack Valley Hospice. The group will meet at the Free Christian Church Parish House, 28 Elm St., directly across from Free Christian Church. To register call Judy at 978-552-4376.

Saturday, Oct. 8

Zoning Board of Appeals, Memorial Hall Library, the Hall, 9 a.m.

Monday, Oct. 10

Housing Partnership Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7:30 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 11

Planning Board, Town Offices, third-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 17

Board of Health, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 6 p.m.

Tuesday, Oct. 18

Finance Committee, Town Offices, second-floor conference room, 7 p.m.

Community Skate Park closes Oct. 15

The skate park has had another great season and is looking to close out in dramatic fashion. The park will close on Saturday, Oct. 15. But before it does, the park will host its most important event of the year.

On Saturday, Oct. 8, the Andover skate park community plans to celebrate the life of fellow skater and Andover resident, the late Paul King with the Third Annual Paul King Memorial Skate-A-Thon, to raise money to aid the victims of hurricanes Katrina and Rita.

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- 2:30 Current Concepts in Spinal Rehabilitation Technique -- Paul Schoonman, DC
- 3:00 Cosmetic Acupuncture -- Beau Anderson, Lic.Ac, MAOM, PhD
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Senior center defeated by 82 votes

■ SENIOR CENTER

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The tax burden of the proposed center, originally estimated at \$7.6 million, would have been reduced by \$800,000 after a motion was presented to apply a donation from the Wood Family Trust towards the project.

The Board of Selectman and the Finance Committee both recommended disapproval of the project. Selectman Brian Major detailed the board's majority opinion by citing cost, size and future operating costs as a concern. Major said he now hopes the town will consider a joint community center project to encompass both seniors and youth in town, something he believes is a better option than building two separate centers.

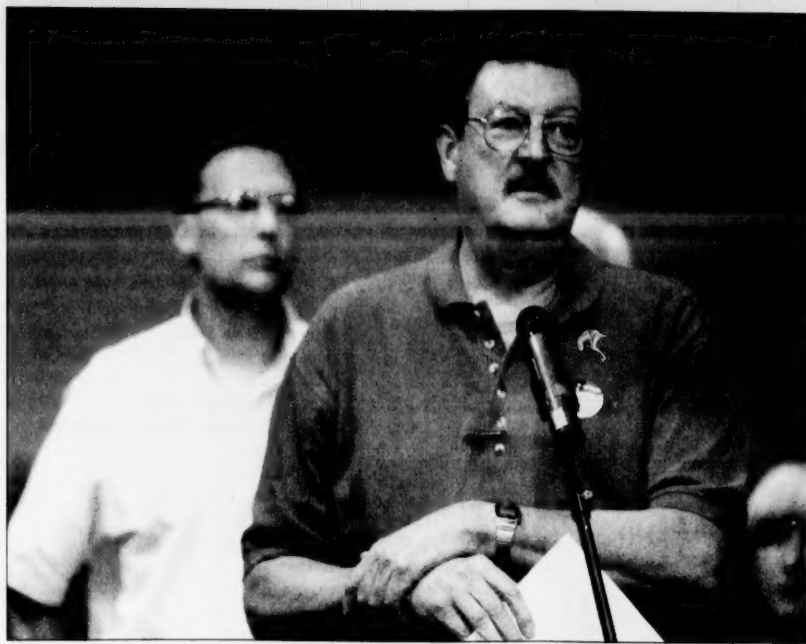
Major called a move to lower the warrant article amount from \$7.6 million to \$6.8 million "a surprise." If seniors won approval for the center, but not the subsequent allocation from the Wood Trust, there was no possibility of building a center for \$6.8 million.

"I'm very disappointed, he said. "The seniors could have come to us last night."

Major's comments were met with a chorus of boos and cackles from center supporters.

Selectman Mary Lyman, presenting the minority opinion on the board, said the Senior Center Task Force has worked on the project for nearly four years and that "every stone was uncovered" in the process.

Lyman said selectmen had supported the proposed senior center until two weeks ago,



Robert Willard said he worried about whether construction costs would continue to rise if the senior-center project was approved by Special Town Meeting.

when Selectman John Hess changed his vote to oppose the center, flipping the board's previous recommendation.

Residents debated the significance of the cost of building a new center - which was projected to increase residents' annual property taxes by about \$46.

"Forty-six dollars a year averages out to less than \$4 a month," said Emily Kearns of Haggetts Pond Road. "That's one Starbucks coffee each month, I think we can afford that."

"Even if you were to take the annual \$45 property tax increase and

double it, it would still cost less money than what it takes to fill the tank of an SUV with gasoline just once," said Ross Tobia, Poplar Terrace.

"Think about the Big Dig," argued Willard. "We know construction costs can go up. If real construction costs exceed the estimate, is this a blank check that we're paying?"

The proposed site for the center, at 56 Bartlett St. next to Town Offices and Doherty Middle School, will now revert back to the control of the School Committee.

Five of the six warrant articles on Special Town Meeting



Robert Schreiber argued a senior center is needed because, with baby boomers turning 60, the senior citizen population will soon double. "We have a tsunami coming," he said.

agenda related to the senior center. Chairman Donald Robb of the Senior Center Task Force withdrew Articles 2-5 after Article 1 failed.

"It's a sad day in Andover's

town history. Seniors have been treated as second-class citizens. The need is there and it's not going to go away," said Robert Schreiber, a senior center supporter, after the vote.

AYF president wants action from town

■ COMMUNITY CENTER?

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Major. He advocates building on the proposed youth center plot in West Andover, calling it "forward thinking" to locate a community center near the site of existing and proposed town playing fields and a fire station.

However, Larsen expressed some concern about the West Andover site for the proposed youth center.

"We're concerned about the environment out there," said Larsen. "We're aware of the present

studies on the capped fields. It's not going to be a viable center if we build a youth center and there are no fields because it's polluted." He is also concerned that the town's proposal to add mostly baseball fields in the area would exclude girls to a large extent.

Youth Services Director Bill Fahey and Selectman Ted Teichert could not be reached for immediate comment on

Wednesday morning, Townsman press time. AYF is still hopeful that land near Poms Pond might house a youth center. A mid-1990s effort to build a youth center at Recreation Park failed by a slim margin.

"Poms Pond is still open in our mind, but the town will need to show some leadership and effort to find a clean and open site," said Larsen.

"I feel very bad for the seniors. I know how it feels."

LARRY LARSEN

Major suggests that the community center does not need to offer services provided elsewhere in town. "Let's find out what

things are offered in the community and not do those. Let's be unique," he said.

Larsen, meanwhile, says he understands senior-center proponents' disappointment. "I feel very bad for the seniors, I know how it feels. We (youth supporters) had the same experience in 1994. It was one of the saddest times in my life. My heart goes out to them."

- Greta Cuyler

Affordable housing trust bylaw on books

Voters approved an article to establish an affordable housing trust bylaw with little fanfare at Tuesday's Special Town Meeting.

It was the follow-up step to voters' approval of an affordable housing trust at last spring's Annual Town Meeting.

Andover joined the North Shore HOME Consortium in early 2005 and is now eligible to receive federal affordable housing funds distributed by the Peabody-based organization.

Joining the consortium means that for the first time, town coffers will have money specifically earmarked for affordable housing. To keep monies separate from the town's general operating account, voters approved an affordable housing trust at last spring's Town Meeting.

The new bylaw details the trust's authority, including the number of trustees (five to seven), length of term (two years in most cases), meeting dates (quarterly) and general powers of the trustees.

The town already received its first grant of \$50,000 from the consortium, to be awarded in five \$10,000 bundles to first-time home buyers at Brookside Estates. Andover is due to receive another allotment from the consortium in October. The consortium receives about \$2.3 million from the federal government each year. Andover's portion is expected to be approximately \$70,000 in October, according to the Housing Partnership Committee.

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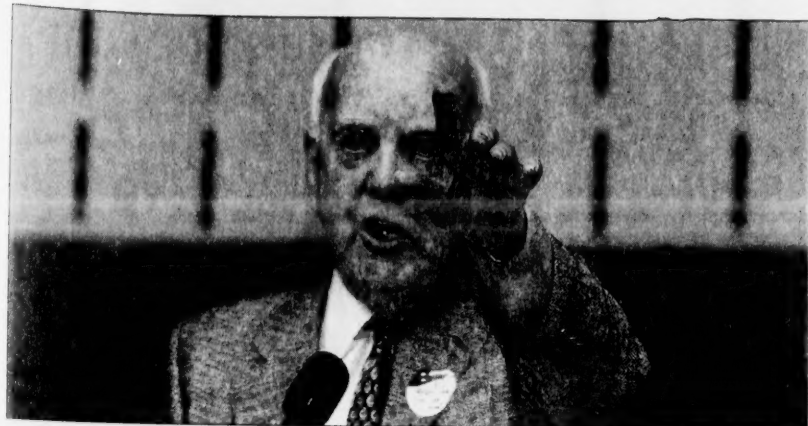
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Moderator Jim Doherty (above) and resident Christopher Haynes (below) squared off verbally during Special Town Meeting at Andover High School.

A 'special' debate on meeting floor

A lively debate about the true purpose of Special Town Meeting took place on the Town Meeting floor between two men who almost squared off during the last town election.

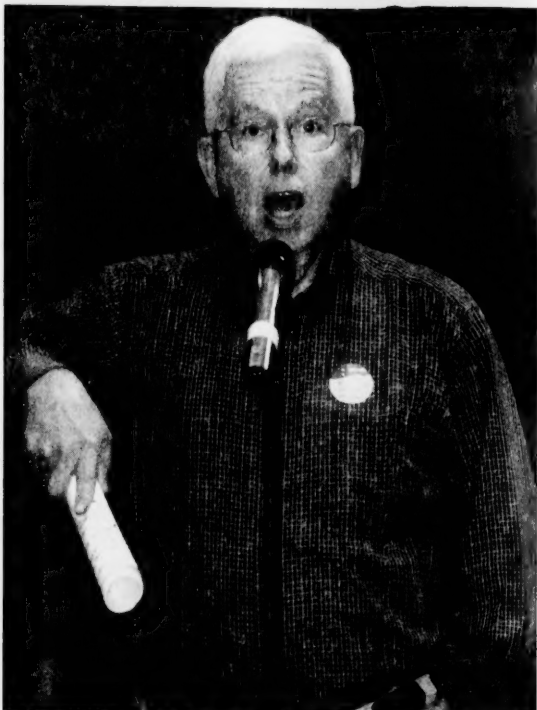
Christopher D. Haynes of 13 Brady Loop, a former member of the Housing Partnership Committee, called the second vote for a new senior center an abuse of the Town Meeting process.

Haynes, 65, considered running against Jim Doherty for the town moderator seat during the March election. He changed his mind and Doherty, who just turned 90, ran uncontested for the seat he has held since 1978.

Doherty said this particular Special Town Meeting was not setting any kind of precedent over any other Special Town Meeting. When Haynes attempted to speak again, Doherty slammed down his gavel, loudly informing Haynes that Doherty was not yet finished speaking.

"If the day comes when we do not allow a group to write a petition, we're in bad shape," Doherty said.

"With all due respect Mr. Moderator, a Special Town Meeting should not be held unless there is an emergency. I think you know full well this is not an emergency," Haynes shot back. "It is a corruption of the



Haynes said he believes a Special Town Meeting should only be called for "an emergency."

integrity of Town Meeting."

Doherty told Haynes, who earlier commented that he has been attending Town Meetings for about 30 years, to see him

later and he would "educate (him) a little bit on the history of this town."

— Rita Savard

POLICE LOG

■ SEPT. 21-27

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himself to the hospital. Police took photos of the victim's injuries.

At 2:39 p.m., an employee from a local gift shop reported a male subject, approximately 6-foot tall and heavyset, had come into the store and asked for balloons. When the employee told the man she had none, the man proceeded to go into the back room and grab a handful of balloons, according to police reports. Police said the incident was a misunderstanding.

At 4:55 p.m., police received a report on a group of kids trying to steal a "No Parking" sign in front of Town Hall on Bartlet Street. Police checked the area and found no one.

At 6:41 p.m., police responded to a report about a possible domestic assault in the parking lot of a local convenience store. Customers told the store clerk that a male wearing a tuxedo was being physical with a female. The clerk told police the female drove away in a gray Honda Civic. Police transported the male subject over the town line to Tewksbury.

Sunday, Sept. 25 - At 1:44 a.m., Tewksbury police informed Andover of a possible intoxicated driver who got off Route 495 South at Route 133. Tewksbury said the vehicle might have hit a truck. Andover police checked the area with negative results.

At 6:35 a.m., a caller at a local hotel reported that he was at the hotel as part of a study regarding eye problems. The caller said he believed the company conducting the study was doing it illegally. Police filed a report.

Monday, Sept. 26 - At 7:45 a.m., police were notified about a couple of windows in Brickstone Square that appeared to have been shot out by a BB gun over the weekend.

At 8:28 a.m., a horse was reported on the loose in the area of Launching Road. The owner of the horse was not home. The animal control officer was able to corral the horse just as its owner returned.

At 1:51 p.m., a resident reported being threatened by a male subject who was currently enroute to his residence, possibly to do him harm.

At 2:31 p.m., a female hitchhiker was reportedly causing traffic problems on Andover Street.

AUTO ACCIDENT

Friday, Sept. 23 - At 7:28 a.m., a 911 caller reported a child on a bicycle was hit by a car on Moraine Street near the football field. The patient was transported to Lawrence General Hospital.

At 11:22 p.m., police received numerous calls about a minivan crashing into a motorcycle on North Main Street. The patient was transported to Lawrence General Hospital after sustaining

injuries and trauma. He was reported to be in stable condition at the hospital.

Saturday, Sept. 24 - At 10:03 a.m., an officer on detail reported a dump truck took down a telephone wire and hit another vehicle on South Main Street. No injuries were sustained.

At 9:49 a.m., a Washington Avenue resident reported her husband's vehicle was hit during the night and had some damage.

Friday, Sept. 23 - At 4:30 p.m., a resident of Derry, N.H. reported her Silver Pontiac Grand Am was struck while parked in a Frontage Road lot during the day.

THEFTS

On Thursday, Sept. 22 - At 10:51 a.m., A Phillips Academy employee called to report a theft from his work site at the Bell Tower. A bench back and stone corner were taken.

Friday, Sept. 23 - At 4:34 p.m., a Summer Street resident reported a scooter stolen from her home.

Sunday, Sept. 25 - At 12:43 p.m., a Haskell Road resident reported that a construction worker might have stolen a cell phone from her home.

Monday, Sept. 26 - At 6:40 p.m., a Memorial Circle resident reported her son's bicycle stolen outside Memorial Hall Library during the afternoon.

AUTO INCIDENTS

Wednesday, Sept. 21 - At 5:44 p.m., a Verizon employee reported his vehicle was broken into while he was at work.

Saturday, Sept. 24 - At 4:55 p.m., police received a report that a vehicle was broken into at the Residence Inn. A DVD player was stolen.

BREAKS

On Thursday, Sept. 22 - At 6:35 p.m. a resident came to the station to report that she was house-sitting on Spring Road and discovered the front door had been kicked in. Police filed a report.

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Education

'Like your life is taken away from you'

New Orleans students left homeless by Hurricane Katrina adjust to new schools in Andover

By Rita Savard

Freshman year is a crash course on "firsts."

First time in high school. First tryouts for a sport. First dates. First time driving. First introduction into the adult world.

For Teddy Mace, 15, freshman year also marks his first time attending a school outside his state, Louisiana. A single storm, Katrina, changed his life overnight.

"At first it was really strange, kind of like a weird dream," said Mace. "It's hard to imagine that on Friday (Aug. 27) I was telling my friends I'd see them on Monday. Then this storm hits, and all of a sudden you know you won't be seeing any of your friends for at least six months. It can feel like your life is taken away from you."

Hurricane Katrina forced an unprecedented displacement of people from the Gulf Coast region. Among the evacuees are thousands of students. As schools across the country begin a new academic year, districts continue enrolling these students. Andover is no exception.

Andover High School has taken in two students from New Orleans, and a third teen was transferred from AHS to Greater Lawrence Technical School last week. Bancroft Elementary School has one student, and Andover's Phillips Academy has taken in 19.

Whether it's donating clothes, books and supplies, or providing simple but needed comforts like friendly smiles and a return to routine, Andover schools have been embracing Katrina's displaced students with wide-open arms of support.

"I like it here a lot," said Mace, who had visited his aunt and uncle in Andover earlier this summer. The teen, along with his mother and their two dogs, Cookie and Lucky, are now living with his relatives in town.

"The weather is wonderful, the people are awesome and the sports are fun," added Mace.



Teddy Mace, a 15-year-old freshman from New Orleans, never expected to start his high school years at 1,800-student Andover High School.

"But it's not the same as being home."

A lifelong resident of New Orleans, Mace had begun his first week of high school on Aug. 23. His school, Isidore Newman, is a private high school housing about 300 students, compared to Andover High's enrollment of 1,800.

When Mace and his family first heard reports of Katrina brewing over ocean waters somewhere off the coast, they didn't pay much attention to early warnings.

"No one thought it was going to be that bad," Mace said. "Why would we? We just avoided the last five hurricanes before Katrina."

But the day before Katrina hit, Mace remembers awakening at 4:30 a.m., to his mother crying and frantically gathering up belongings. The mayor had declared a state of emergency. All residents were ordered to evacuate immediately.

After piling up their Toyota Highlander SUV with clothes and supplies, Mace, his mother, their dogs, and an uncle and

friend who were visiting from England, drove to Beaumont, Texas where they checked into a hotel. They spent the night watching Katrina's fury hammer their hometown on TV.

"It was scary," Mace said. "The news channels had live coverage and at first you could see heavy rain and wind blowing things around. Then the wind picked up and you were seeing cars and buildings getting thrown around. The Superdome, which was supposed to be a safe haven, was being blown apart. It's almost unbelievable to see it, to think a whole city would be under water."

Mace said his mother's home, situated in a higher area of New Orleans, was not submerged by flood waters. His father was not so lucky.

Mace said his father, who chose not to evacuate, went to a neighbor's house where there was a generator. When rushing waters rose up to the attic, the homeowners had to cut a hole through the roof with an axe, and wait to be air-lifted from

the flooded house.

Mace said his father swam through the polluted water with his dog, and was later picked up by the Coast Guard.

Since entering Andover, Mace said having a laptop has been a "lifesaver," allowing him and his mother to check on their friends. Mace learned that many of his classmates and friends were able to safely evacuate the city.

Other students in Andover are still waiting to hear word from friends and loved ones back home.

"I still don't know where any of my friends are," said Marcus Pierre, 18. This week is the senior's first as a student at Greater Lawrence Technical School.

As a senior, Pierre has different transitional dilemmas than Mace. After spending the last three years of adjusting to high school with the same group of peers, he will not be able to attend senior prom with them or join them in graduation.

"At first it's really shocking," Pierre said. "It's hard to believe

this could happen, having to pick up and go to another state, another school in a new environment. I never thought I'd be in Massachusetts. At first I was mad, but you just have to deal with it."

Pierre's family also thought Katrina's force would be no more than that of other tropical storms they were accustomed to. His mother, Stephanie Pierre, went to work that day despite hundreds of residents packing up to flee the city.

As the skies grew dark and Katrina's gale force gained momentum - with winds racing from 80 to 175 miles per hour - Pierre, his mother, his aunt and some cousins sought shelter at his grandmother's house. After the levees failed, Pierre said the home filled up with three inches of flood water.

Pierre remembers, after the strongest winds had passed, trying to walk home with his family, trudging through a jungle of fallen trees and wires in the dark. Bridges and homes in other parts of the city were under water.

"There was water everywhere, but none to drink," Pierre said.

That night, the Pierres tried to sleep, feeling dehydrated, in 100-degree heat.

Since arriving in Andover, Pierre, his mother and his cousin, Roger, have been residing at the Staybridge Suites, where Pierre's mother is now working. Roger, a freshman, is attending classes at Andover High.

While Pierre expresses a desire to eventually return home and "see how things look," for now he's enjoying his experience at GLTS, where he's studying culinary arts.

A first-time technical school student, the high-school senior

needed state approval before the school could agree to accept him so late into a vocation.

"We wanted him but before we could legally enroll him, we needed to get permission from the DOE (Department of Education)," said Superintendent Frank Vacirca.

Overcrowded schools like Andover High, and schools with enrollment regulations like GLTS, were able to make adjustments and wave certain barriers under federal laws that entitle children who are homeless to receive a public education.

The GLTS community has also come forward with donations to help the Pierre family make a home in a new town.

Mace hopes to return to New Orleans in January, when his high school plans to reopen. His mother was among the steady stream of evacuees returning to the city this week, after Hurricane Rita ripped through already damaged levees over the weekend.

Mace said she was trying to salvage more items and assess the damages. Their home escaped the floodwaters, but suffered a damaged roof after a tree crashed into it during the first hurricane. Mace said his mother will have the home repaired.

But for now, Mace will finish the first half of his freshman year at Andover High, where he has joined the soccer team.

Pierre, whose goal is to someday become a chef, said he'll be finishing his senior year in Andover.

"It's real different here, but I like it," said Pierre, admitting that he's only seen snow once before. "If there is a better place, I'd like to stay where it's better."



Marcus Pierre, a senior, is now studying at the Greater Lawrence Technical School, where he plans to graduate.

Paying for high school clubs unites kids and parents against idea

By Colin Steele

No matter what club they belong to, Andover High School students might be forced to learn about finances.

The school Parent Advisory Council is trying to raise \$29,000 to save the programs after the School Committee said last week there is no money for them in the \$51 million school budget. Principal Peter Anderson is determined to raise the money, but students and parents said it shouldn't have come to this.

"For the amount we pay in taxes,

at least from what I pay in taxes, I think the budget should cover some of that," said Chris Batterman, whose daughter is a junior at the high school. "I don't know where the money's going."

The school usually offers more than 40 clubs and activities.

The School Committee budgeted \$10,000 for some clubs, including National Honor Society, student government and class advisers. Students Against Destructive Decisions, the Gay-Straight Alliance, the drama guild and other groups that run on grants or

private funding are also safe this year.

But more clubs than not - including the mock trial, television production and art clubs - rely on the School Committee to pay their advisers' stipends, and that money isn't coming this year.

Some teachers volunteer to lead the clubs, while others receive extra pay between \$1,100 and \$2,500, Anderson said. Those costs add up to the \$29,000 the Parent Advisory Council is trying to raise.

The drama guild is staying afloat

because parents pay a costume fee, the students raise additional money and their performances bring in extra revenue. Many smaller clubs don't have that kind of support.

"I think it's a shame," said Zach Zatet, a drama guild sophomore. "Without some of these clubs, the kids really have nothing to do."

Sara Kelleher is a member of a community-service club that is also up and running this year, but her other options are limited, she said.

"There's not a real lot that I can

join," said Kelleher, a senior. "I think it's bad because a lot of kids need something to do after school."

"I don't think the kids should be paying extra."

Batterman noted that sports are still alive and well at the high school, even though families pay fees to play, and he said the school should re-examine its priorities.

"In my honest opinion, I think that they cut a lot of the wrong things," he said. "It doesn't send a good message at all."

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BOOK REVIEW

The House with a Clock in its Walls

BY JOHN BELLAIRS

Reviewed by John Chartier and James Caron

This week our high-school reviewers tackle a story fit for the fall season.

With Halloween about a month away, many readers like to get into the creepy, gothic mood of the holiday by reading books that capture the traditions of the macabre night. We can think of no other young-adult-book author who tackles the mystery and horror genre better than John Bellairs. For years, Bellairs has enchanted and mystified readers with a world that is both frighteningly realistic and equally horrifying, a world that is just perfect for the Halloween season.

In *The House with a Clock in its Walls*, Lewis Barnavelt has suffered the one loss that every kid dreads, the loss of his parents. He is shuttled off to live with his Uncle Jonathan in a massive Victorian mansion in New England. As if losing his parents isn't shock enough, Lewis soon finds out that both his uncle and his uncle's neighbor, Mrs. Zimmerman, are witches, and the magical world

that they live happily within might have some dark, sinister corners. Deep within the walls of the mansion an ancient mystery ticks down the hours. It could bring the world crashing down – unless Lewis can save it.

The House with a Clock in its Walls has all the characteristics of a mystery story with the added sparkle of a fantasy. Your parents might very well have read the classic novel when they were kids. There is no question about this book's appeal, because it is a timeless tale that is perfect for the fall season.

We recommend *The House with a Clock in its Walls* for readers who enjoy horror, mystery and fantasy stories, as this book seamlessly encompasses elements of all three. It is best suited for readers ages 10 and up, but will be enjoyed by readers at many levels.

We give this book, as well as Bellairs' numerous other books, a hard-earned nine out of 10. Before he died in the early 1990s, Bellairs had written countless books, all of which are equally entertaining and original with plots involving more than three major characters.

So head on down to your local bookstore or library today, and pick up a copy of *The House with a Clock in its Walls* by John Bellairs. If you happen to live in a Victorian mansion with a doomsday clock hidden somewhere in the walls, you might want to save the world first. Then again, if you did, you wouldn't need to read this book, would you?

Schools offer voluntary screening for 3- and 4-year-olds

The Andover Public Schools will be conducting a screening for preschool children in the community who are 3 and 4 years old on Nov. 1.

The screening is completely voluntary and available to parents who have a concern about their child's development. Screening is conducted by members of the special education

staff and provides information about a child's functioning in the areas of speech and language ability, fine and gross motor skills and overall cognitive growth. Screening results help to indicate whether more specific information or evaluation in a particular area of development is needed. Call the Pupil Personnel office at 978-623-8540 to schedule an appointment.

SCHOOL LUNCH MENUS

Here's what's for lunch in the Andover public schools next week, Oct. 3-7:

Elementary schools

Monday: Chicken fajitas with rice, chocolate chip pancakes with potato puffs, spaghetti and meatballs, chicken caesar salad, lucky tray, milk, fruit and veggie.

Tuesday: Closed - Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday: Sloppy joes with potatoes and green beans, chicken mcschool with oven baked fries, slice of pizza, chicken teriyaki wrap, jello, milk, fruit and veggie.

Thursday: Veggie burger with fries and fudge bar, hot dog with oven baked fries, french toast with sausage links, boxed breakfast, milk, fruit and veggie.

Friday: Fish-n-chips, baked chicken nuggets with mashed potatoes and corn, slice of pizza, shaker salad, milk, fruit and veggie.

stuffed crust pizza, chicken mcschool, milk, fruit and veggie.

Tuesday: Closed - Rosh Hashanah

Wednesday: Baked macaroni and cheese with green beans, stuffed crust pizza, two hot dogs with chips, milk, fruit and veggie.

Thursday: Veggie burger with fries and fudge bar, spaghetti and meatballs, french toast with sausages, milk, fruit and veggie.

Friday: Roast pork, potatoes, peas and applesauce, stuffed crust pizza, shaker salads with whole grain roll and cheddar cheese chunks, pudding, milk, fruit and veggie.

Andover High School

Monday: 2 hot dogs with chips, chicken, broccoli and ziti, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, milk and veggie.

Tuesday: Closed - Rosh

Hashanah

Wednesday: BBQ chicken with potatoes and corn, chicken parmigiana sandwich, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Thursday: Fish-n-chips, spaghetti and meatballs, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Friday: French toast sticks with sausages, chicken cacciatore, stuffed crust pizza, fruit, veggie and milk.

Premium lunch choices are served daily at the middle schools and Andover High. AHS also offers a Courtyard Barbecue featuring grilled food; the Collins Center Café; Pastabilities; and a Market Basket cart with other food choices daily.

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Tashlich, Mincha & Ma'ariv	Tuesday, Oct. 4	5:30pm Andover Country Club Pond
Rosh Hashanah Day Two	Wednesday, Oct. 5	9:00am
Shabbat Shuvah	Friday Night Service, Oct. 7	7:30pm Congregation Beth Israel
	Saturday, Oct. 8	9:30am Congregation Beth Israel

YOM KIPPUR

Erev Yom Kippur/ Kol Nidre	Wednesday, Oct. 12	5:45pm
Yom Kippur	Thursday, Oct. 13	9:00am
Mincha, Neilah & Ma'ariv	Thursday, Oct. 13	4:45pm

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Old computers get new life in town

Disasters like Katrina boost need for Hewlett-Packard refurbished equipment

By Greta Cuyler

Old computers don't die. They come to Andover where they are refurbished, repaired and recycled at Hewlett-Packard Co.

Older computers are in high demand after a natural disaster, like Hurricane Katrina, said Jim O'Grady, director of HP's Financial Services Remarketing division, in the 165,000 square foot processing center on Dascomb Road.

Many companies use proprietary software that needs to run that on certain types of computers. When a piece of computer hardware malfunctions, the company needs to find identical equipment to replace it. HP was instrumental in providing computers to banks and finance companies in the wake of Sept. 11 and has already seen a spike in demand for refurbished computers in the wake of Katrina, said O'Grady. "There's a right usage for old technology," he said.

Employees at HP's Technology Renewal Center have received computers back in nearly every state imaginable. At a tour of the facility last week, there were computers wrapped in kitchen Saran Wrap and unprotected LCD screens scratched and broken. One person returned a laptop along with their unsigned bank card, medical identification card and supermarket discount card. Other items sent to HP with people's computers have included passports, cell phones and confidential company documents.

Nearly all of HP's used computers are routed to Andover and employees at the site refurbish nearly a million computers per year, including personal computers and servers. Servers are broken down, parts are sold off and servers are reconfigured to a new user's specification.

Most of the computers returned to HP are HP computers at the end of a lease period. HP also sells or disposes of old



Patrick Reardon runs a test on refurbished laptops at Hewlett-Packard's Technology Renewal Center on Dascomb Road.

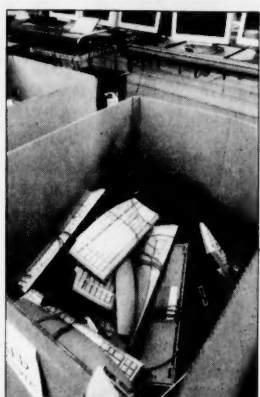
computers that are made by other computer manufacturers.

When HP receives a computer in Andover, it is first given a bar code so people can track its

progress from beginning to end. The hard drive and any other personal information is erased. Unusable parts are discarded and others are repaired. Keyboards, mice and other parts are sold to parts vendors. After a computer is fully repaired and refurbished,

it is either sold to a reseller or leased to another user. All computers have a limited warranty and are fully licensed.

Computers that are deemed unusable are sent to either Nashville, Tenn. or Rosedale, Calif. where they are destroyed. Together, the two facilities produce 40 million pounds of



Used computer keyboards are piled high at the facility on Dascomb Road.



HP employee Kathy Duggan, separates hard drives from a server.

crushed material a year. Different metal components of a computer are separated via a magnetized process, gold and copper are melted down and other materials, including steel, are sold as commodities. Hazardous materials including lead, cadmium and mercury are removed during a

smelting process and HP disposes of them. Less than one percent of a computer is totally unusable, the company says.

"We're trying to expand the life cycle of our equipment, but sometimes you can't," said Mark Rashid, a supply relationship manager at the Andover site.

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Opinion

Where does town go from here?

ABOUT 10 YEARS AGO, a group of teenagers was left in tears at Town Meeting because their effort at a youth center failed by a handful of votes. Seniors twice this year have felt similar pain following unsuccessful efforts for a new senior center.

Clearly, Andover Town Meeting participants will make it difficult to approve multi-million-dollar service centers – unless they deal with perceived “basics” such as safety, water and education. As a result, it appears that ongoing and future efforts at social-service centers must focus at least as much on building support in advance, as on the building plan itself.

Groups might build support for their efforts by listening to the reasonable concerns of others early in the process and creating altered plans that more people will support. Supporters of future projects seeking debt-exclusion overrides of Proposition 2½ would be wise to do more to ease Finance Committee concerns about operating expenses. The Finance Committee still holds sway at Town Meeting.

Since their defeat in the mid-1990s, youth-center supporters have built a strong network of programs, which has increased support for a youth center. This has allowed the Andover Youth Foundation to privately raise more than \$3 million for a new youth center. This effort has made a lot of sense, and been good for the youth and for the youth-center effort. Through new or different programs, the existing elder services department might also reach new supporters.

This week is another tough week for center supporters. But if different ideological groups in town come together and listen to one another, new centers can be supported, even at an Andover Town Meeting.

Web question

Bioterrorism information

This week's *Andover Townsman* Web-site question will be: **Andover spent \$8,000 to produce a glossy information packet meant to help residents deal with a terrorist attack or other emergency. Do you think that this was a good use of funds?**

This question was not posted to the site last week. Possible answers are:

- Yes, absolutely. Residents need to have information at their fingertips in case of emergency. Plus, the funds came from a grant from Homeland Security and the

Center for Disease Control, so this was a good way to spend that money.

- Yes, I agree that the information should be disseminated, but surely it could be done in a less expensive way.

- No. Couldn't the town have released this information via public access television?

- No. I have Internet access, where all that information is available. The packet was a waste of money.
- Other.

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From left, Liam Murphy, 5; Reid White, 10; Marissa Dooros, 7; Sylvia Dorros, 9; Songee Yoon, 9; Abby White, 7, and Mikayla Murphy, 7, form a train as they pose during a skating session along Washington Avenue.

LETTERS

Mercury watch

Editor, *Townsman*:

In April, at an experimental biology meeting in San Diego, Dr. Jill James reported research that showed an extremely strong connection between autism and “the unusually low concentration of the antioxidant glutathione” in the blood of autistic children. This antioxidant binds to toxins, including heavy metals, for elimination from the body. A glutathione deficiency is likely genetic, like thyroid deficiency, and might be treated as easily with supplements.

James' work was preliminary, based upon samples of about 100 autistics and 100 controls, but extremely promising. If corroborated by larger studies, it could:

- Identify the basic mechanism leading to autism.
- Provide a simple test that could be performed on any infant identifying his/her vulnerability to environmental toxins.
- Lead to the development of a medical supplement for the deficiency.
- Immediately halt the injection of ethyl mercury (thimerosal) into tiny bodies, causing brain damage in those unable to eliminate it.
- Explain why large scale testing hasn't found a connection between thimerosal and autism. Low levels of glutathione weren't part of the analysis.

But this isn't just about thimerosal. Environmental toxins abound. A recent article reported high mercury levels in the milk of Inuit women whose diet consists largely of mercury-laden sea mammals. Their kids are also at risk.

I expected to read follow-up news of this seemingly very important discovery but nearly six months have passed without seeing anything. I can understand the pharmaceutical industry having little reason to fund testing not directed toward a profitable new drug, but I would hope that the FDA or some other government agency would sponsor the necessary testing. Unfortunately for one in every 166 children being brain damaged every day (National Autism Association data), government agencies are not noted for speed.

Jack Flynn
3 Tamys Lane

Poolhouse verdict

Editor, *Townsman*:

The pool and cabana project sets a dangerous precedent in the town of Andover. It is important to nip it in the bud immediately. Otherwise, there may be more contractors and homeowners who build projects without proper written approval and hope for a blind eye by the citizens and boards of Andover.

The Conservation Commission needs to evaluate this project as though it doesn't currently exist and then proceed accordingly: tear it down or let it stand.

Bonnie Floyd
80 Spring Grove Road

Supporting clubs important for student experience

Editor, *Townsman*:

My daughter is a freshman at Andover High School. Prior to her attending, friends repeatedly commented that with the size of the school, kids should really try a sport or get involved in after-school clubs. Adriana was interested in volleyball, but the practice schedule concerned her with the uncharted academic requirements. So far, Andover High School has been a very positive experience.

I have been extremely impressed with Peter Anderson's attitude towards the learning experience at AHS. His actions in trying to support student individuality and the clubs at Andover High are commendable and leave no question as to his integrity.

In viewing last week's School Committee meeting, it

appears the town's stance is to charge a fee or greatly reduce those clubs available to its students. I am disappointed in the town of Andover and its lack of support. I understand management expenditures are rising with fuel costs, insurance and other expenses, but, again, I am disappointed that the town cannot come up with something. A partial contribution towards the \$29,000 required would ease fund-raising efforts that are apparently required.

Regarding the sports-program practice schedule, most students participating do not have the opportunity to attend other after-school programs. If a fee is requested, it is unreasonable to anticipate those families participating. They are already paying \$250 (my understanding, as stated by School Committee member

Dick Collins). As a parent, I am willing to pay for my children to be able to attend after-school clubs at AHS. If we have to fund the clubs, I believe we must consider the middle-school model. There was a comment made that towns cannot charge a flat fee at the high school level in the state of Massachusetts. But I believe there are communities that charge activity fees (Littleton has a \$50-per-student activity fee).

Some parents are concerned with the effect on students' college applications, because of the benefit clubs can have there. As a family, we are concerned with our children experiencing the diversity and sense of community these clubs can provide.

Susan Lucci
3 Lantern Road

Paying some teachers more sends wrong message

Editor, *Townsman*:

This letter is written in regard to the governor's proposal to pay science and mathematics teachers extra bonuses and therefore higher salaries than the other teachers in the same public schools. In this regard, do we really want to send the message to our young people that adding, subtracting and performing scientific experiments, as vitally important as they are, are more important than developing reading skills, learning to write properly, knowing one's rights under the Constitution of the United States, and also being aware of such things as the Holocaust, Adolph Hitler and the evil of the concentration camps? If one wants to find a way to destroy morale in our

public schools, this is it.

This proposal is also saying that such things as developing self-esteem and respect among our young people, getting them involved in areas in which they can excel and improve their whole outlook on life are not vitally important also. Education is designed to enhance the entire quality of life of our young people, but this is not the message that is being presented. The message is clear: all these things are not as important as teaching our young people science and mathematics. In no way is this meant to minimize science and mathematics—we all recognize how important these areas are. The point is, do these areas take precedence over the other important aspects of the educa-

tion of our young people?

Finally, do we judge our teachers and schools by how all the students perform in standardized testing? I coached track for 42 years. Believe me, not all people have the same ability to run fast. Academic ability is no different. We cannot compare teachers and schools unless they are dealing with students of the same academic ability – not likely.

We must all work to provide the best education possible for our young people but not in a way that is grossly unfair to our teachers and schools and tells our young people some subjects are more important than others.

Richard J. Collins
School Committee member
117 Lovejoy Road

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Imagination is the outreaching of mind ... the bombardment of the conscious mind with ideas, impulses, images and every sort of psychic phenomena welling up from the preconscious. It is the capacity to dream dreams and see visions.

ROLLO MAY

Life shrinks or expands in proportion to one's courage.

ANNAIS NIN

Things are pretty, graceful, rich, elegant, handsome, but, until they speak to the imagination, not yet beautiful.

RALPH WALDO EMERSON

Feeling gratitude and not expressing it is like wrapping a present and not giving it.

WILLIAM ARTHUR WARD

If we all told what we know of one another, there would not be four friends in the world.

BLAISE PASCAL (1623 - 1662)

The Albert Einstein quotation

Teaching should be such that what is offered is perceived as a valuable gift and not as a hard duty.

About 'Thursday File'

Steve MacDowall's file can be found at www.hudsonvanloo.ca, and it offers quotations.

The tax bill also rises

By Greta Cuyler

The average homeowner in Andover saw a \$299 increase in his tax bill last fiscal year, the cost jumping from \$5,710 to \$6,009. Andover's residents pay the 30th most-expensive property tax bills in the state, according to a report on 338 Massachusetts communities issued by the state Department of Revenue on Sept. 20.

At the same time, the average assessed home value rose by more than \$24,000, from \$497,785 to \$522,042. Housing sales remain hot (see related story, page 1).

Andover's residential tax bills were lower than those in some towns to which Andover likes to compare itself. The average tax bill last year was \$11,767 in Weston, \$8,808 in Concord, \$7,564 in Wellesley and \$7,047 in Newton.

The five communities with the highest average residential tax bills were Weston, Sherborn, Lincoln, Carlisle and Dover. The five communities with the lowest average tax bills were Rowe, Irving, Florida, Tolland and Monroe. The average tax bill in Rowe was \$512.

Rising home assessments, stagnant state aid budgets and limited growth in commercial and industrial sectors are to blame for rising residential tax bills throughout the state, according to the Department of Revenue.

Andover's commercial and industrial sector saw a typical tax decrease of less than 1 percent, from a charge of \$18.13 per \$1,000 in assessed value to \$18 per \$1,000.

"We didn't have any (commercial and industrial growth) from '04 to '05," said Bruce Symmes, town assessor. "We had a high vacancy rate and vacancy increased."

Symmes anticipates flat commercial rates in FY06. "The market hasn't gotten really any better from last year to this year," he said.

The average single-family-home residential tax rate across the state has decreased in each of the past seven years and is



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

This Andover home sold for its almost \$600,000 asking price the first day it was shown.

Price still right for buyers

■ HOUSING MARKET

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across the state and house sales are slipping in many suburbs.

Wealthier suburbs like Andover, and cities with less expensive real estate, like Lowell and Lawrence, are the strong ports in this cooling market.

Andover's numbers are up across the board. Inventory is moving and so is the average home price. The average single-family home price is up 16.5 percent in Andover, from \$515,000 last year to \$600,000 this year, according to NEAR.

Plus, MLSPIN reports that 82 houses sold in Andover between April and June 2004. This year, 112 houses sold during those months. That's a 36.6-percent increase.

Buck said selling prices continue to go up, so the median price in town will continue to rise. As of last week, 32 houses were under agreement and the average

selling price of that group was \$667,000, Buck said. The average days on market continues to hold steady at about 50 days, he said.

Andover's upper-end of the housing market, homes selling for \$800,000 or more, is doing particularly well, Buck said. These helped to push the average home price to \$713,000 for home sales during the last three months. Selling prices from the MLS weekly notes in August show 36 Juniper Road sold for \$995,900 while both 36 Andover Country and 3 Warwick Circle sold for \$1.3 million.

"I've had good showings," said Buck. "It's a little quieter, but houses are moving in Andover. Mortgage rates are still low and that helps."

Good schools, easy distance to major highways and an attractive downtown continue to make Andover a top choice for house buyers.

"The community has a lot to offer and people still want to live here," Buck said.

now \$10.17 per thousand dollars of assessed value. Andover's residential tax rate of \$11.51 per

thousand exceeds that of all so-called similar towns listed above by at least \$1.71.



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

These girls helped raise money for relief efforts last Saturday. From left, they are Taylor Burns, Caroline Murtagh, Allison Murtagh, Jenna Kosinski, Megan Murtagh, Amanda Brady and Olivia Burns.

Katrina efforts continue around town

A 'Brady Bunch' event

Seven young girls from Andover have been selling braided bracelets for \$1 each as a grassroots effort to raise money for victims of Hurricane Katrina.

The girls, who all attend High Plain Elementary School, sold their wares from a card table outside Old Town Hall last Saturday afternoon in the bright midday sun. Giggling and constantly talking over each other to make themselves heard, the group dubbed themselves "The Brady Bunch," a nod to their braided wares and one girls' last name.

"We decided we wanted to help the hurricane victims when we realized how much they lost," said Carolyn Murtagh, 8.

"We saw the homes. We felt bad they had lost of lot of their belongings," said Alison Murtagh, 8.

One of the girls has a friend from New Orleans who had to relocate to Idaho after the hurricane. A classmate was in New Orleans when the hurricane hit.

The group has raised more than \$200 by selling the bracelets at a family function, a babysitter's engagement party and at Old Town Hall on Saturday. The girls said they plan to send a check to the Red Cross.

Members of the Brady Bunch are Mandy Brady, 10; Olivia Burns, 6; Taylor Burns, 8; Jenna Kosinski, 9; Allison

Murtagh, 8; Carolyn Murtagh, 8; Megan Murtagh, 8, and Lauren Murtagh, 10.

— Greta Cuyler

Yard sale

Quota International of Andover will be participating in

the Andover Town-Wide Yard Sale on Oct. 1, raising money for Hurricane Katrina relief. All money will be used to assist Katrina victims through the "We Share Foundation," said organizers. Quota is an international service organization committed to serving the community.

SOCCER CLINIC



COURTESY PHOTO

Pictured above are the four senior AHS varsity soccer captains, from left: defender Greg Levis (No. 17), midfielder Jason Sheldon (11), forward Jen Hagopian (16) and midfielder Emily Pallotta (3).

The Andover High girls and boys soccer teams will head up a free clinic this Sunday, Oct. 2 from 1-2:30 p.m. for all youngsters on the Andover Soccer Association boys and girls Under-8, Under-9, Under-10 and Under-12 in-town teams. The clinic will be held on the high school practice fields at Aumais Park (baseball field) and West Middle School. High school players and coaches from the varsity, JV and freshman teams

will demonstrate skills, techniques, offer tips and answer questions. Although the clinic is free, those in attendance are asked to make a donation of any amount to the Hurricane Katrina Relief Fund.

All money collected will be sent to the American Red Cross. Earlier this season a portion of the proceeds from the boys Andover/North Andover Invitational Tournament were sent to the same fund.

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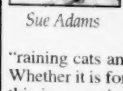
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Sue Adams

Whether it is for a boy or a girl, this imagery is bound to work well in a youngster's room well into early school years. Begin with a white wall or other natural color for the background. Then, proceed to hand-paint thick yellow vertical stripes intermixed with framed images of colorful cats and dogs. Create the animal images on large pieces of graph board, then cut out the animal figures. Use the stencil for pet pictures that will give walls storybook charm.

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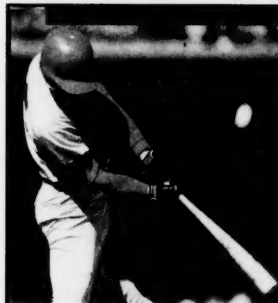
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Arts & Entertainment

EVENTS CALENDAR

Thursday, September 29

Author reading and book signing. Merrimack Valley author Jane Brox reads from her latest book *Clearing Land*, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Live music. the Rob English Trio performs, 7-10 p.m., no cover charge, Powow River Grille, 33 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-2300.

UMass Lowell Film series, sponsored by the English department in conjunction with its college writing course, free and open to the public, screening *Belfast, Maine*, 5 p.m., in Room 222 of the O'Leary Library, 61 Wilder St., Lowell; to view the series schedule, visit the UMass Lowell calendar Web site at www.uml.edu/calendar.



Fine T-shirt art, in this case by Ite Fidudusola, at Endicott

Artist reception and auction, closes the J. David Broudo Gallery of Art exhibition of *Fine T-Shirt Art*, featuring a survey of wearable art by 40 artists from 14 states, the UK and Canada, 4:30-6 p.m.; gallery hours Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Endicott College, 376 Hale St. (Route 127) Beverly; 978-232-2250.

Friday, September 30

Author reading and book signing, children's book author Ryan SanAngelo will read his picture book, *Spaghetti Eddie*, especially for children ages 4 to 8, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Artist reception, "Musical Paintings," an exhibition of compositions by Linda Feinberg of Andover, based on the cover illustrations of late 19th century sheet music, in the Main Gallery, 5-7 p.m., free and open to the public; on display through October 21, gallery hours Monday and Wednesday, 10 a.m.-8:30 p.m., Tuesday, Thursday and Friday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Essex Art Center, 56 Island St., Lawrence; Cathy McLaurin 978-685-2343 or www.essexartcenter.com.

Bridal trunk show, Atlanta-based Anne Barge brings her acclaimed collections to Cristina's bridal salon, by appointment only, 9:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., 10-12 Main St.;

978-470-3956.

Joe Jencks in concert, the Cincinnati-based national touring performer, will present a program for music lovers of all ages to benefit the parish, 7:30 p.m., \$10 donation from those who can afford it, St. Mary of the Assumption Parish (formerly St. Mary, Immaculate Conception Church), 205 Hampshire St., Lawrence, with free parking in the lot at the corner of Hampshire and Haverhill streets; M.K. Small 978-474-0606.

Saturday, October 1

Town-wide yard sale, sponsored by the Department of Community Services, in the Park, 9 a.m. to 3 p.m., rain date Sunday, Oct. 2, \$6 per spot, intersection of Bartlett and Park streets; 978-623-8274.

Coffeehouse performance, Kim and Reggie Harris, singers, songwriters, storytellers and advocates for peace, 7:30 p.m., co-sponsored by Amnesty International, Merrimack Valley People for Peace and Unitarian Universalist Congregation in Andover, \$10 donation, Six Locke St.; 978-475-4454.

Boston Gay Men's Chorus, a nationally acclaimed ensemble, will present a program of Gershwin and other pieces, 8 p.m., advance purchase of tickets is recommended, \$25, \$20, North Parish Unitarian Universalist Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-828-4501.

Late Night Catechism, a comedy exploring all things Catholic, in which the audience is the adult catechism class, 7:30 p.m., advance tickets \$25, \$20 students, seniors and college employees, all tickets \$30 at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

Quilt show, Nimble Thimblers' Quilt Guild, tenth anniversary quilt show features hundreds of stunning handcrafted quilts by members, talks on quilting, including a talk by "Quilter of the Year, 2004" Marjorie Lydecker at 2 p.m., a small auction and refreshments, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., \$5 admission, Americal Civic Center, 467 Main St., Wakefield; for information, send an email to NTquiltshow@comcast.net.

Admissions Open House, St. John's Preparatory School invites prospective students in grades 9 through 12, and their families, to attend one of three sessions beginning at 9 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11 a.m., at which the academic program, extracurricular opportunities and faculty will be represented, 72 Spring St., Danvers; 978-7740-1050, Ext. 301 or visit the Web site at www.stjohnsprep.org.

Rodeo of Champions, two competitive rodeo events will be open to the public at the Aleppo Shrine

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Andover artist Linda Feinberg recreated clusters of 100-year-old sheet music covers for her art exhibit at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence.

Score one for painting

After brain surgery, woman turned to art, and music sheets

By Greta Cuyler

Linda Feinberg nearly died from a brain aneurysm nine years ago. Although the near-tragedy forced her to give up her career in social work, she has found new success as a painter. Today, the Andover resident is best known for renderings of antique sheet-music covers onto canvas.

Twenty-five of her paintings are on display at the Essex Art Center in Lawrence from Sept. 16 to Oct. 21.

Sheet music covers are a lost art, says Feinberg. "I think people who made these are very talented and should be honored," she says. She collects the antique covers and divides them into themes — Dixieland, couples dancing, soldiers going off to war. Her paintings group several related covers into one work.

Feinberg's foray into art began after brain surgery left her with a difficult physical recovery and short-term memory loss. She left her career as a licensed clinical social worker, but still wanted an activity to occupy her time. One day she brought up an old table from her basement. "I'll paint designs on it, that will amuse me," she remembers thinking to herself.

Since then, Feinberg's "amusing" hobby has resulted in more than 100 pieces of painted furniture, 100 painted mirrors and 50 paintings. In addition to the antique sheet music paintings, she decorates furniture by copying famous paintings, including works by Renoir, onto table tops. She also draws Barbie, a multitude of Disney characters and characters from children's stories such as *The Wizard of Oz*. The first time she painted furniture, she depicted Cinderella and the Good Fairy.

Every bit of wall space in her house is covered with art, be it her own paintings or those done by her husband, Alec Feinberg. An engineer by trade and a golfer by passion, Alec Feinberg encouraged his wife to transition from furniture to canvas. "He said, 'Linda, I can handle the competition,'" laughs Feinberg.

"Her work is very unique. I've never seen anything done like this," says Leslie Costello, executive director of the Essex Art Center. "I've also never seen anything done so well."

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Before she fell ill, Feinberg had decorated her living room wall with more than 138 antique sheet-music covers to avoid having to repaint a chipped wall. So when she decided to paint on canvas, she

took down eight of the covers, traced the outlines onto a canvas and then copied the drawings. The covers were about 100 years old and the original colors had faded, so Feinberg took artistic license and brightened up the colors. She continued to collect sheet music from collectors and today she believes she has one of the largest independent collections in the country.

Feinberg is able to laugh about her brush with death. When someone in the family forgets something, her favorite joke is, "Who in this family had the brain surgery? I can't remember."

She boasts about her two daughters, Marissa, 25, and Jenny, 16. Marissa is a magazine editor in New York and Jenny is a junior at Phillips Exeter and runs varsity track. Feinberg says she and Alec have been happily married for over 25 years.

Despite her upbeat attitude, she knows how close she came to losing it all. When she was diagnosed with the aneurysm, her doctor gave her a 10 percent chance of dying. Peter Jennings told her story on national television, she says.

Feinberg loves her painting, but says she is still trying to find her purpose in life. "You decorate people's world, but that's not really social service," she says. So she tries to be more philanthropic, supporting the Red Cross, Lawrence Family Services and the Essex Art Museum. She also keeps busy by writing.

The goal of her art is not to sell the paintings, she says. "I really want them to be in a museum to honor sheet music artists," she says.

ALONG THE TRAIL



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Fall is a time for hiking — and a good place to go is the Bay Circuit Trail, a string of connected trails around Boston that includes 16 miles of trails in Andover. An exhibit on the bottom floor of Memorial Hall Library discusses the trail, and includes a journal from a 16-day hike made in 2000 by six people, including Andover residents Martha Erdem, Al French and his late wife Mary. Each drawer in a bureau that is part of the exhibit shows items found along the trail during particular days.

WHAT'S UP

From paintball to painting

Fall activities for Andover youth

By Tony Lombardi
Andover Youth Services

The school year has begun and Andover is settling in for another beautiful New England autumn, complete with multi-colored falling leaves, cool sun-filled morning commutes and, of course, more stellar after-school programming from the Andover Youth Services.

Fresh off an action-packed summer, the Fab Four of Youth Services are back to help the young people of Andover stay active, get involved and have fun.

This year's fall programs offer a plethora of options for boys and girls in grades 5-12. No matter where you go to school or what you like to do, there is something to get involved in.

All-school programs

Field Hockey - For the third consecutive year, girls in grades 5-8 are participating in the Andover Field Hockey League. Over 70 girls are learning the skills necessary to play at the high school level, competing in games against other middle school programs and building relationships with new friends. The AFHL runs until Saturday October 30th when the girls from Andover host an Invitational Tournament for teams from across the

Merrimack Valley, North Shore and New Hampshire.

Paintball - Don't let the AYS summer trips go just yet. Join the Youth Services for trips to Canobie Paintball on the following dates: Thursday, Oct. 13 and Tuesday Nov. 1, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., \$45. Open to all schools.

Please remember you must be 12 or older and must fill out an additional waiver. Pick up a registration form in your school cafeteria or at the Youth Services office.

Dances - A schedule for 7th and 8th grade dances will be out soon. Seventh and 8th grade dances are held from 7:30-10 p.m. at the Old Town Hall and are open to 7th and 8th graders at all Andover middle schools. (West, Doherty, Wood Hill, Pike and St. Augustine).

At the individual schools

THE ZONE, WEST MIDDLE SCHOOL

Youth Services staff will continue its collaboration with the West faculty and offer the students a great school year of after school programming. Session One runs from October 3rd through November 10th. Here is a list of programs offered:

Mondays

Flag Football: Competitive flag football.

Season ending tournament with Doherty and Woodhill. Open to boys in all grades.

Girls Football: Introduction to football. Learn positions, skills and play against other girls-only teams. Open to girls in all grades.

Tuesdays

Word. Online: A Web-based magazine. Open to all grades.

Art Club: Express yourself with no critique and no grade. Open to all grades.

Wednesday

Keep It Wild Fashion Club: learn to sew, cut and design your own clothes. The ultimate in expression. Open to all grades.

Thursday

The Zone is closed.

Friday

Fridays will be a mix of open drop-in days and field trips that will include canoeing, rock-climbing and bowling.

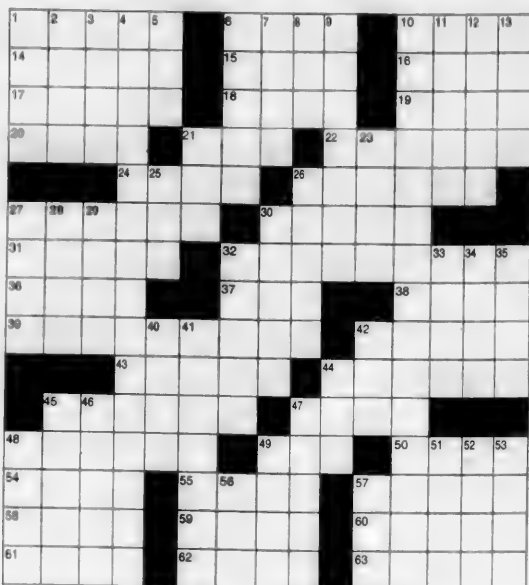
For more information on Zone programming schedule please check out: www.andoveryouthservices.com or pick up a program booklet at West Middle.

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CROSSWORD PUZZLE

CLUES ACROSS

6. Stern
10. Cuts
14. Egyptian capital
15. Juno
16. Leave out
17. A vacation (two words)
18. Very large trees
19. Calif. University
20. Type of egg
21. 8 oz.
22. Security
24. Bluish green
26. Chars
27. Annul
30. Express objections
31. Separated
32. Stagnated
36. Flat bread
37. Anger
38. Carbonated drink
39. Brand of mixer
42. Organic compound
43. Soothing agents
44. Guard
45. Fountain
47. Jellystone's bear
48. One less than a septet
49. Plane
50. Gold decoration
54. Negative (prefix)



55. Swiss-like cheese
57. More confident
58. Threaten
59. Not front or back
60. Humor
61. Fable
62. Was looked at
63. Tears

CLUES DOWN

1. Skim
2. Abhor
3. Ventilates
4. Procrastinate
5. Blouse
6. Body snatcher
7. Glean
8. Annoy
9. Solid
10. Model's shape
11. Host
12. Goes limp
13. Abide
21. Mt. Whitney street
23. Subdivision
25. Consume
26. Wise people
27. Knocks
28. Heroic
29. Lane
30. Goddess
32. Serpent
33. Lug
34. Paradise
35. Peoples in the north of Pakistan
40. Otherwise
41. Versifier
42. Brain recording
44. Dab
45. City in Italy
46. Worship
47. Asian nation
48. Halite
49. Green gemstone
51. Press
52. Loan
53. Removes the water
56. Perish
57. Mr.



Kim and Reggie Harris, singers, songwriters, storytellers and advocates for peace will perform 7:30 p.m., at the Unitarian Universalist Congregation's coffeehouse at 6 Locke St. See Oct. 1 listing.

EVENTS CALENDAR

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Auditorium in Wilmington, including a visit by Miss Rodeo USA, trick riders and some of the top-rated rodeo riders in the country, tickets at the door \$15, \$10 children under 12, show times 1:30 p.m. and 7:30 p.m., 99 Fordham Road, Wilmington; for information 978-657-4202 or 781-665-6466.

Bridal trunk show, by appointment only, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., see entry, Friday, Sept. 30.

Sunday, October 2

Chamber music at PA, Solar Winds, a woodwind chamber music ensemble featuring oboe, horn, clarinet, bassoon and flute, will perform a selection of wind quintets by classical and modern composers, including Giovanni Cambini (a contemporary of Beethoven), the "eccentric" Percy Grainger, Cuba's "delightful" Paquito D'Rivera and others, 3 p.m., free and open to the public, in the Timken Room at Graves Hall on the Phillips Academy campus at 180 Main St.; 978-749-4236.

Children's Letters to God, a musical inspired by the bestselling book, featuring a cast of five young people aged 10 to 15 posing actual questions written by real children, presented in conjunction with the Merrimack College Ministry and the Arts Series, 4 p.m., advance tickets \$10, all tickets \$15 at the door, Rogers Center for the Arts at Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-5355.

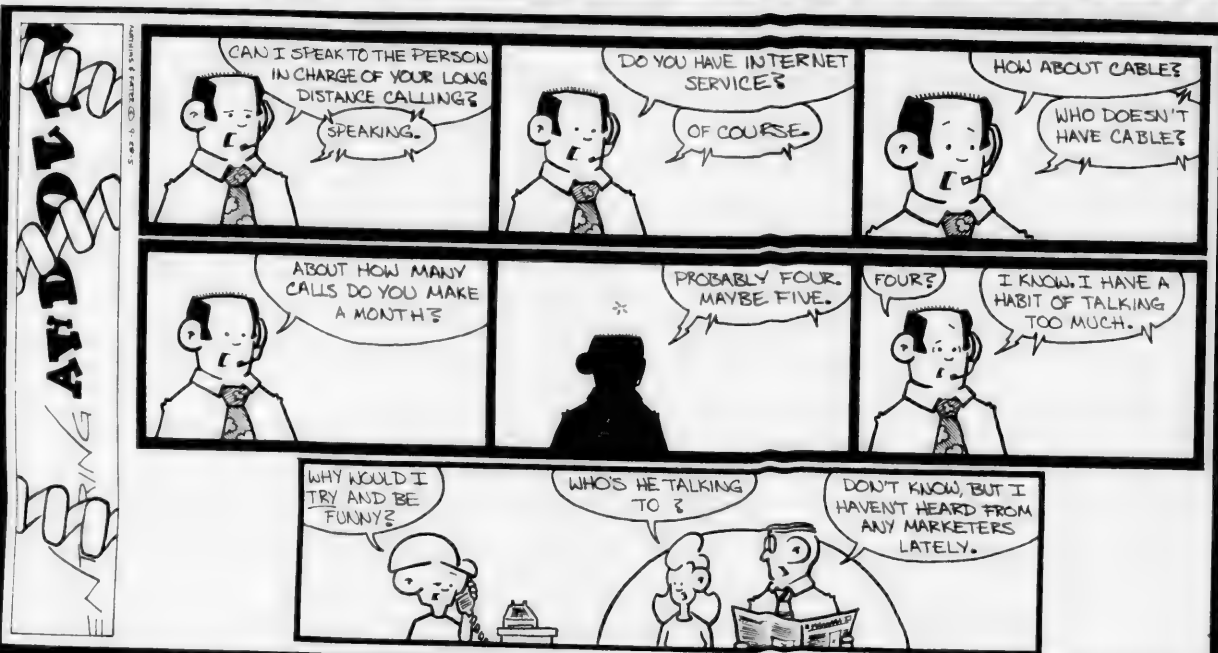
Feeding kids, "How to get more fruits and veggies into your kids" is the first in a series of back-to-school, back-to-health talks for parents by wellness educator Luann Colombo, 4-5 p.m., \$7.50 per person, \$10 per couple, including healthy refreshments; a portion of proceeds will be donated to the American Red Cross; space is limited, so reserve space for adults only, Champion Factory Gymnastics and Circus Arts Center, in Chickering Plaza (Route 125), North Andover; 978-683-8493.

Skate & Break show, a roller-skating show, continued on page 13

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By Don Mathias



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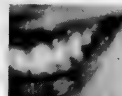
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Family day at Lowell Spinners' park, watch the game and support Challenge Unlimited at Ironstone Farm, the 2005 designated charity of the Lowell Spinners, who invite families to enjoy a broadcast of the last Red Sox vs. Yankees regular season game on the jumbo screen, 1 p.m. through game end, tickets available at the gate, \$5 per person, with a maximum of \$15 for a family (up to 5 members) when purchased online, Lelachur Park, 450 Aiken St., Lowell; to order tickets by phone, call 978-805-5111, to order online, visit the Web site www.lowellspinners.com.

Italian festival, second annual "North of the North End" festival, sponsored by the Haverhill Downtown Association, featuring authentic Italian cuisine by local vendors, including the "Spaghetti Sauce Challenge" to be decided by both judges and the public, raffles and entertainment, 11 a.m. - 6 p.m., free and open to the public, Columbus Park, Railroad Square and Wingate St., Haverhill; 978-552-4186.

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Artist reception, "Quiet Places, Peaceful Spaces," by Patricia S. Gordon, one in the Featured Artist Series, opening reception for the

artist, 3-5 p.m., free and open to the public, 65 Water St., Newburyport; 978-465-8769.

Yard sale rain date, see entry, Saturday, Oct. 1.

Rodeo, 2 p.m., see entry, Saturday, Oct. 1.

Quilt show, see entry, Saturday, Oct. 1.

Monday, October 3

Latin concert, sponsored by Northern

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The woodworking shop at the Andover Historical Society was started in 1986 by master craftsman John Ross, whose tool collection is still used to teach today. Ross's student Steve Anthony teaches the classes today with the same sense of camaraderie and respect for tradition that instilled Ross's classes.

Two six-week sessions will be offered on Saturdays, 9 a.m. to noon. The first session runs Oct. 22 through Nov. 26. The second session runs March 4 through April 8, 2006. Fees are \$80 for Historical Society members and \$95 for non-members.

To meet the needs of busy people, who cannot commit to six consecutive Saturdays, the Historical Society is offering four levels of participation. Participants select the level most convenient to their schedule, interest and ability.

Level 1 - Purchase a punch card good for any six classes in both sessions. Learn about the tools in the shop and how to use them. Talk with the instructor about a project you might like to try.

Level 2 - Sign up for one six-week session and make a basic, introductory project, such as a foot stool or candle box, from pre-milled stock. Learn basic hand-tool techniques and basic joinery.

Level 3 - Sign up for both six-week sessions and make a

more complex project, such as a multi-step stool from pre-milled stock. Learn more advanced hand-tool and joinery techniques.

Level 4 - Purchase a punch card or sign up for one six-week session or multiple sessions to work on your own project, at your own pace. Start with your own raw stock and work it by hand using the tools in the shop. This is a more collegial approach for experienced woodworkers who like company while they work, and enjoy the historical atmosphere of the barn.

The Andover Historical Society and Amos Blanchard House and Barn Museum celebrate the rich history of Andover and the greater Merrimack Valley. The Society offers a variety of educational programs to individuals and groups of all ages. For further information about woodworking, the museum, library or research center, call 978-475-2236, or visit the Andover Historical Society on-line at www.andhist.org.

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Essex Community College in honor of National Hispanic History Month, featuring Gregorio Uribe & the San Pelayo Band, free and open to the public, noon to 1 p.m., in the courtyard at the Lawrence campus, 45 Franklin St., Lawrence; 978-556-3862.

Tuesday, October 4

Live jazz music, Harry's New York Quartet, featuring saxophonist and recording artist Harry Allen, Joe Cohn on the guitar, Joel Forbes on bass and Chuck Riggs on drums, tickets \$10, reservations suggested, 7:30-10:30 p.m., Sahara Restaurant and Club, 34 Bates St., Methuen; 978-683-9200.

Wednesday, October 5

When a family member has memory loss, a program sponsored by the Alzheimer's Association that provides an overview of Alzheimer's disease, including how to get a diagnosis, addressing behavior and communications problems, and finding local resources, 1-3:30 p.m., free, Andover Council on Aging, 36 Bartlet St., to register 800-272-3900.

College lecture on Willa Cather, retired professor John Murphy, a leading expert on early twentieth century fiction writer Willa Cather, will discuss her work, *Shadows on the Rock* (1930), 7 p.m., reception with refreshments follows, free and open to the public, Cascia Hall on the campus of Merrimack College, 315 Turnpike St., North Andover; 978-837-4269.

Thursday, October 6

Author reading and book signing, author Kate Benson reads from her book, *Two Harbors*, a bittersweet coming-of-age story of a young woman's search for the mother who abandoned her to become a Hollywood star, 7 p.m., Andover Bookstore, 89R Main St.; Karen Harris 800-491-0143.

Stage plays featuring imagery by Andover sculptor, *Acts of Futility*, an evening of six one-act plays by Samuel Beckett, has been staged with images created by acclaimed sculptor Pat Keck of Andover, whose "Puppets, Ghosts, and Zombies" show was presented at the DeCordova Museum during the 2003-04 season, 8 p.m., \$18, additional performances on Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays through October 22, Charlestown Working Theater, 442 Bunker Hill Street, Charlestown; for reservations call 617-242-3285.

Live music, Roger Salloom, described as "the essence of Americana songwriters" and the subject of an award-winning music documentary to be screened at the Northern Lights Documentary Film Festival in Newburyport Sept. 30 through Oct. 2, performs, 7-10 p.m., no cover charge, Powow River Grille, 33 Main St., Amesbury; 978-388-2300.

Friday, October 7

Author reading, author Chang-rae Lee, a native of Seoul, Korea, whose novels have won numerous awards, including the PEN/Hemingway Foundation Award and the American Book Award, and who



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On Sunday, Oct. 2 at 3 p.m., the Phillips Academy music department will present *Solar Winds*, performing in a woodwind chamber music concert in the Timken Room at Graves Hall. The concert will feature Charlyn Bethell, oboe; Daniel Shaud, horn; Mark Margolies, clarinet; Neil Fairbairn, bassoon, and Jill Dreeben, flute. The group will perform a varied selection of wind quintets by classic and modern composers, including Giovanni Cambini, a contemporary of Beethoven; the eccentric Percy Grainger; Cuba's delightful Paquito D'Rivera; and Francine Trester and Marti Epstein of Boston's Berklee College of Music.

has written articles and stories published in the *New Yorker*, *The New York Times*, *Gourmet* and other prestigious and literary publications, will read from his most recent novel, *Aloft*, which was a *New York Times* bestseller, sponsored by the Phillips Academy Asian Society, 7 p.m., free and open to the public, in Kemper Auditorium (across from the Andover Inn) on the PA campus, 180 Main St.; 978-749-4256.

Saturday, October 8

Snow to cure cancer, two events in Newburyport are scheduled to raise funds for Robert's Snow: For Cancer's Cure; first is a reading and book-signing by the children's book author and founder of Robert's Snow, Grace Lin, 2:30-4:30 p.m. at the Newburyport Library, 94 State St., Newburyport; second is the first Snow Party, an exhibit of handcrafted wooden snowflakes created by over 200 celebrated children's book illustra-

A child's life in the early 20th century

What would a child of 12 be doing in 1919—when children were without a television or an Xbox? Join the Stephen Phillips Memorial Trust House for a special program exploring youthful pastimes of another century on Saturday, Oct. 1 at 2 p.m. This program will include hands-on activities for children. Organizers said the event is appropriate for boys and girls, ages 8 to 12 years old accompanied by an adult. Reservations required. All tours and programs are free. Regular tours available through Oct. 31, Monday to Saturday, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. For more information, see www.phillipsmuseum.org. The museum is located at 34 Chestnut St., Salem, Mass.; 978-744-0440.

tors from round the world, refreshments, 4:30-7 p.m., The Child At Heart Gallery, 48 Inn St., Newburyport; two of the snowflakes will be sold at a silent auction at the event and the remainder will be auctioned in November on eBay to raise funds for the Dana-Farber Cancer Institute; for information, visit www.robertssnow.com.

Harmonica at the Coffeehouse, Hatrack Gallagher, harmonica master, performs "swinging blues," 8 p.m. at the Crossroads Coffeehouse, doors open at 7:15 p.m., \$14, North Parish Church, 190 Academy Road, North Andover; 978-687-3960 (978-687-7948 on the evening of the concert).

Bean supper, Knights of Columbus, Lawrence Council No. 67, 4-6:30 p.m., \$6, \$2 children under 12, One Market St., Lawrence.

Ongoing Art Exhibitions

Addison Gallery of American Art, *Chuck Close Prints: Process and Collaboration*, through Dec. 2;

Unfamiliar Territory, the photography of Oscar Palacio, through Dec. 31; regular gallery hours are Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 1-5 p.m., free admission, Addison Gallery of American Art, Phillips Academy; 978-749-4015, www.addisongallery.org.

Alpers Fine Art of Andover, through Oct. 9, "Overviews" an exhibition of landscapes, oil paintings by Philip Koch; gallery hours Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Friday and Saturday 10 a.m.-8 p.m., Sunday 10 a.m.-4 p.m., 2 Main St.; 978-470-0013 or www.alpersfineart.com.

Robert S. Peabody Museum of Archaeology, *Objects and their Meanings: Historical Highlights of the Peabody*, displays ethnographic objects from museum's collections of North and South America and a series of photographs that illustrate the activities of the museum's key people during the last century; Tuesday through Saturday, noon-5 p.m., by appointment only, free admission, Phillips Academy campus, 175 Main St.; 978-749-4490.

Pile of fall activities for youth

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DOHERTY MIDDLE SCHOOL

Girls Football: For the second consecutive year, the Youth Services will be offering girls football, beginning Thursday, Oct. 6 and running Thursdays through November 17, the girls at Doherty will learn positions, defensive and offensive plays and touchdown dances on their way to games against girls' teams at West Middle and Wood Hill, 2:15-3:30, behind DMS.

Wood Hill Middle School

Every Wednesday from Oct.

5 through Nov. 16 the fields behind Wood Hill will become a football haven. Join the AYS staff for some intense competition and preparation for the season ending tournament against Doherty and West Middle, 2:15-3:30, behind Wood Hill.

Andover High School

The Youth Services has not forgotten about past middle school participants. To prove that to you, they are offering the following opportunities to students at the High School.

Keep It Wild Fashion Club: Come along to express yourself

through sewing, cutting and designing as you work toward the Keep It Wild Fashion Show. Starting soon. Be on the lookout for Suzie or send her an email at: sclarke@andoverma.gov

Expeditions: Get outside and enjoy the changing weather and natural landscape. The Youth Services will be offering the following trips to those high school students who like to experience what mother nature gives to us:

Wednesday Oct. 5 - Rock climbing at Mill City Rock Gym, 5:30 to 9 p.m., \$12. Limit 10

Wednesday Oct. 12 - Night Canoe & Kayak: Pomp's Pond - 6 to 9 p.m., \$2 Limit 12

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Freedom of Religion

The first right granted in the First Amendment is freedom of religion. There are two elements to freedom of religion. First, the federal government cannot establish a religion. That means the country cannot have an official religion. Second, the government cannot interfere with the religious beliefs of its citizens. Citizens can choose whatever religion they wish. They can choose not to participate in religion at all.

Freedom of religion was a radical idea when the United States was formed.

Most European settlers came from countries with an official church. People had to obey the church laws and pay taxes to the church, even if they did not follow that faith. Religious doctrine caused many conflicts. Many of those who came to settle in the American colonies sought religious freedom.

The Puritans wanted religious freedom for themselves. They fled from the Church of England and established their own official church in the Massachusetts colony. Men could not vote at town meetings unless they were members of the church.

Roger Williams, however, argued that the true church was a voluntary association of those God chose. He was banished and set up a new colony in Rhode Island. It was the first

THE FIRST AMENDMENT TO THE CONSTITUTION

Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof, or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the Government for a redress of grievances.



colony with no official church. Other minority Protestant groups, such as the Baptists, Presbyterians and Quakers, agreed. They believed they should not be forced support the Puritan church in New England or the Anglican Church in Virginia.

Today, people living in the United States can attend a church, synagogue, temple or mosque of their choice, or not attend at all.

Freedom of Speech

The First Amendment gives the citizens of the United States the right to say what they think. The people also have the right to criticize the government and to share their thoughts with others.

The founders of the United States felt that exchanging ideas was important. For hundreds of years in England, it had been a crime to talk out

against the English rulers.

James Madison said free speech was the "guardian" of every other right because well-informed citizens made wise decisions.

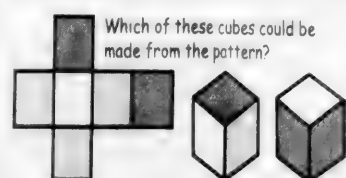
The U.S. Supreme Court cited the First Amendment in 1964 in the case *New York Times v. Sullivan*. The First Amendment provides that "debate on public issues (should be) uninhibited, robust, and wide-open," wrote Justice William Brennan.

Most Americans believe in the right to free speech. However we debate if hard-core rap, flag-burning, or pornography should be protected.

Freedom of speech has responsibilities. You are free to speak, but you are responsible for the results of your words. If you tell lies about someone, you can be sued. If your words lead to crimes or rioting, you can be arrested.

Class activity

Search your newspaper articles and photos that would not be there without our freedom of religion. Are there any religion ads in the newspaper? Are there any articles that mention church activities or meeting times? If so, how many did you find?



Sports

Early struggles knock team off feet, 34-21

By Rick Harrison

Some games you'd just rather forget. The Andover High varsity football team had one of those against Tewksbury, falling behind 20-0 late in the first half on the way to a 34-21 Merrimack Valley Conference setback at Doucette Stadium in Tewksbury.

The unexpected loss in the MVC opener dropped the Golden Warriors to 1-2 overall and 0-1 in league play.

AHS did virtually nothing on the ground and had trouble stopping the smaller but quicker Redmen, who piled up 246 rushing yards, 302 total yards and 14 first downs.

The highlight for the locals was the passing game, once again, as senior QB Tom White and senior wide receiver Buddy Farnham hooked up for nine completions, 182 yards and one touchdown.

The pair almost had a second TD connection, but it ended up being a fumble recovery in the end zone after Farnham lost possession of the ball at the Tewksbury two and pounced his own bobble in the end zone.

Farnham made several spectacular, acrobatic grabs and fought his way through double and triple coverage all afternoon.

TMHS also went to painstaking lengths to keep the ball away from Farnham on punt and kickoff returns, booting the ball short and out of bounds several times.

"We were able to keep them from getting the ball to him (Farnham) early in the game," said TMHS head coach Brian Aylward. "That was a huge goal of ours."

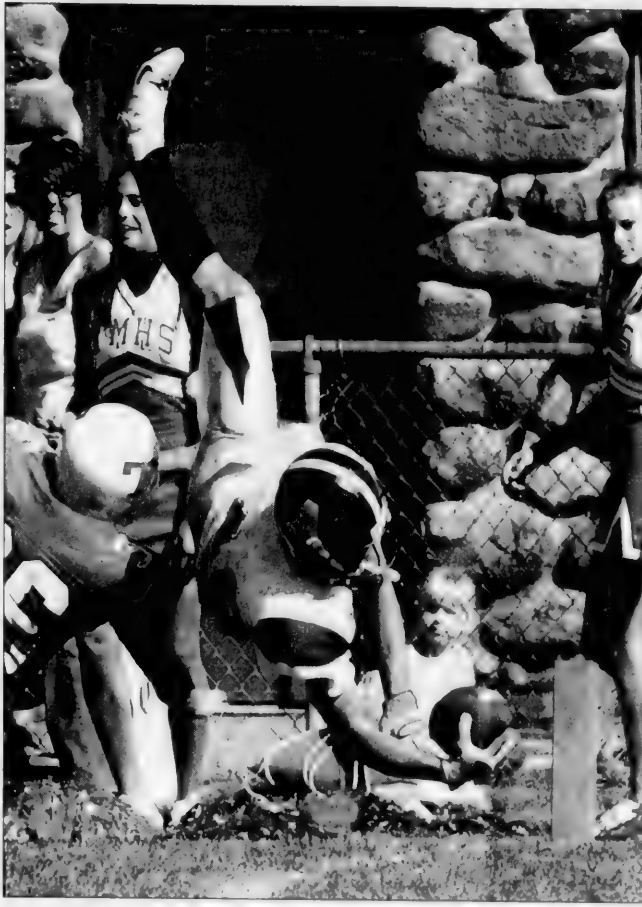
"He's a phenomenal talent — as good as anyone I can remember that's come through this league in that position."

Bruising ground game

David Tiberio led the bruising running game for Tewksbury, 2-1 overall and 1-0 MVC, pounding the turf for 144 yards on 20 carries and scoring three of the winners' five TDs on 24, 11 and six yard runs.

He now has a team-high 30 points and 266 yards rushing through three games.

Redmen quarterback Nick Ianetta was also a thorn in the side, scoring the first points of the game on a one-yard plunge and completing 5-of-5 passes including a six-yard TD toss (first of



Buddy Farnham broke the plane for a touchdown on this play, but Andover lost to Tewksbury 34-21.

season) to tight end Patrick Appiani.

His opening TD came just five snaps after AHS fumbled at its own 38 on the first scrimmage play of the game.

Tewksbury never lost its momentum — maintaining outstanding field position while starting each of its first five series in Golden Warriors' territory.

Trailing 20-7 after three quarters, the best the locals could do in the final period was trade touchdowns as both teams tacked on 14 points.

Farnham, whose earlier TD pass play covered 33 yards, completed a 37 yard play with the fumble recovery.

White capped the Andover attack with a one yard keeper as time was winding down — his second touchdown of the season.

Placekicker Ken Masse was again perfect with 3-for-3 in PAT attempts.

Stats & Stuff

• Farnham has a team-high 32 points and the TD catch was his third of the season and 20th of his career. He now has 146 career points.

In three games this fall Farnham has snagged 24 passes for 384 yards.

• White is the team's leading rusher after two games with 143 yards on 22 carries.

He has completed 32-of-61 passes for 529 yards, a pace that would net him close to 2,000 for the season, while also throwing seven interceptions.

• Masse now has 32 career PAT kicks.

• AHS head coach Ken Maglio is two wins away from his 50th at the school.

• Andover drubbed Tewksbury 30-6 last year and 34-6 in 2003, snapping a four-game TMHS win streak against

GAME SUMMARY

TEWKSBURY 34, ANDOVER 21 at Doucette Stadium, Tewksbury					
Andover	0	7	0	14	21
Tewksbury	7	13	0	14	34

First Quarter

T: Nick Ianetta 1-yard run (Tom Byrne kick)

Second Quarter

T: Dave Tiberio 11-yard run (kick failed)

T: Patrick Appiani 6 pass from Ianetta (Byrne kick)

A: Buddy Farnham 33 pass from Tom White (Ken Masse kick)

Third Quarter

No scoring

Fourth Quarter

T: Tiberio 6-yard run (Byrne kick)

A: Farnham fumble recovery in end zone (Masse kick)

T: Tiberio 24-yard run (Byrne kick)

A: White 1-yard run (Masse kick)

TEAM STATISTICS

First Downs: Andover 8; Tewksbury 14

Rushes/Yards: Andover 23-(6); Tewksbury 34-246

Passing: Andover 10-21-2, 198 yards, TD, T, 5-5-0, 56 yards, TD

Total Yards: Andover 192; Tewksbury 302

Penalties/Yards: Andover 5-45; Tewksbury 6-55

Scrimmage Plays: Andover 48; Tewksbury 45

Records: Andover 1-2, Tewksbury 2-1

INDIVIDUAL STATISTICS

Rushing: A, Corey Steele 3-10, T, Dave Tiberio 20-144, 3 TDs, Adam Power 13-96; Patrick Brewin 8-26; Kevin McCarthy 2-13

Passing: A, Tom White 10-21-2, 198 yards, TD, T, Nick Ianetta 5-5-0, 56 yards, TD

Receiving: A, Buddy Farnham 9-182, TD, T, Patrick Morrissey 2-26; Patrick Appiani 2-19, TD; Kevin McCarthy 1-11

the locals.

The Redmen have now won eight of the last 11 meetings, and since 1980 Tewksbury owns a slim 13-11-1 series edge (no game in 1981).

It was the Redmen that snapped Andover's school-record 40-game undefeated streak (39-0-1), one of the longest in state history, with a 6-0 victory back in 1976.

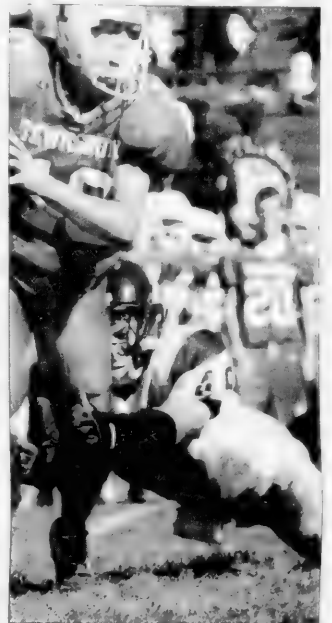
New opponent

After back-to-back road games, the Golden Warriors return to Lovely Field tomorrow night (7 p.m.) to launch a new rivalry against Central Mass. team St. Bernard's High of Fitchburg.

The Bernardians are off to an 0-3 start, including a 27-16 loss to Ayer High last weekend.

Ayer led 27-0 at the half before St. Bernard's scored 16 fourth-quarter points on a one-yard dive by quarterback Nico Seretto and an eight-yard TD pass from Seretto to favorite target Jonathan May.

Seretto also pitched a pair of two-point conversion passes to May.



John Crush sacks Tewksbury quarterback for a loss.

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CROSS COUNTRY

Tough early road for girls and boys track squads

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High School girls cross-country track team split a Merrimack Valley Conference tri-meet, blasting visiting Notre Dame Academy of Tyngsboro, 15-50, and dropping a 22-35 decision to Haverhill.

The Lady Warriors, 1-2 overall, have the toughest part of the schedule behind them after opening against twin powers Chelmsford and Haverhill.

Leading the way for the locals were two top-five finishers, sophomore Casey Harrison and senior Courtney Hamer.

Harrison was third overall with a 20-minute, 44-second clocking over the 3.1-mile course.

The race was won by the best girls harrier in the conference, Haverhill's Colleen McNaughton, who set a course record 19:56 on the way to first place.

The AHS boys fell to 0-2 after a 20-36 loss to Haverhill.

The Andover boys placed four runners in the top 10, but couldn't crack the first three as the Hillies' 1-2-3 finish keyed their win.

Junior Peter Shaw led the locals as he crossed the line fourth in 17:57.

Junior Sayo Maldari was close behind, fifth overall in 18:07, while senior Peter Brown placed seventh

(18:19) and sophomore David Easton was ninth (18:36).

Zach Sampson of Haverhill won the race by a comfortable 18-second margin in 16:48.

Schedule

Andover returned to the trails yesterday, Wednesday, after Townsman presstime, with both teams at Lawrence, facing Lowell and the host Lancers at 3:30 p.m.



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Girls soccer remains unbeaten

Boys lose for first time, then bounce back with shutout

By Rick Harrison

GIRLS SOCCER

Emily Pallotta was everywhere as the Andover High girls soccer squad remained one of two undefeated AHS varsity teams this fall (girls swim & dive) with a 4-0 whitewash of Methuen and 3-0 victory over Lowell, improving to 5-0-3 overall including 4-0-1 in Division 1 of the Merrimack Valley Conference.

Schedule

Andover hosts Haverhill this afternoon (Thursday) and plays at Tewksbury next Monday (both games 3:30 p.m.).

Leading scorers

Emily Pallotta tops the point parade after eight games, with seven goals and eight assists for 15 points, while Jen Hagopian had four goals.

Andover 3

Lowell 0

Emily Pallotta once again figured in all the scoring, netting the first two goals and setting up the third, as the Lady Warriors blanked host Lowell Tuesday night under the lights at the Cawley Stadium complex.

"We moved the ball better than we have in the last five games," said co-head coach Dick Loschi. "We spread the field, got the ball deep in the corners and set up numerous chances with crossing passes. We also went to open spaces without the ball better than we have in a long time."

Pallotta launched the scoring at 14:29 of the first half with an assist to freshman forward Jess Morrow, who notched her first varsity point after being recently elevated from the JV team.

Less than seven minutes later Pallotta made it 2-0 off an indirect kick, pocketing her team-high seventh goal and 15th point.

She faked a shot and got the ball to Jess Ragnio, who touch-passed it back to the AHS captain for a shot to the lower corner.

Rikki Sartor produced the only goal of the second half at 4:41, as Pallotta took the ball left and cut inside before dropping a pass back to Sartor for an 18 yard shot to the far corner.

Becky Cairns made three saves for the shutout, her second solo whitewash and the team's fourth overall.

Lowell goalkeeper Krissy Keegan kept it respectable with 15 saves, as the Lady Warriors finished with a wide 18-3 shooting edge.

Also playing well for AHS were forward Jen Hagopian, who created a number of scoring chances, along with junior midfielders Ally Brown and Sarah LoMedico.



Midfielder Jason Sheldon (at right) battles for the ball against Dracut, Andover lost 2-0.

Andover 4

Methuen 0

Senior midfielder and Capt. Emily Pallotta had a hand (and foot) in all the Lady Warriors' scoring, setting up the first three goals and netting the fourth, in this MVC game at the Tenney Middle School field in Methuen.

"We needed this after the back-to-back 1-1 ties (North Andover and Billerica) frustrated everyone," said AHS co-head coach Dick Loschi. "We had to figure out how to put the ball in the net again."

"We dominated, got our offense untracked and came away feeling the week had not been a waste."

Junior forward Rikki Sartor opened the scoring at 10:40 of the first half, heading in a crossing pass from the omni-present Pallotta.

Capt. Jen Hagopian made it 2-0 at 33:30, as Pallotta came down the middle and tapped the ball to the cutting Hagopian on the left. She turned and fired a shot into the lower left corner of the Rangers' net.

Senior midfielder Jess Ragnio celebrated her 18th birthday with her first

goal at 2:55 of the final half, blasting a 24-yard shot over the goalkeeper's head after Pallotta again came down the middle and this time pushed a pass off to the right.

Pallotta notched an unassisted goal at 6:50 to cap the scoring, intercepting a Methuen pass and cutting right before drilling a shot to the upper corner.

Junior Becky Cairns (first half) and sophomore Camille Fantini combined for their second shared shutout and the team's third of the season.

Loschi and co-head coach Meghan Lynch cited the strong play of junior midfielders Rachel Fox and Becky Johnson along with junior forward Ally Brown.

BOYS SOCCER

The Andover High boys varsity soccer team fell from the unbeaten ranks, dropping a 2-0 decision to Dracut in its fourth straight nailbiter decided by a one- or two-goal margins.

AHS then bounced back Tuesday with a 3-0 whitewash of Billerica, with the split leaving the Golden Warriors at 5-1-1 overall and 3-1-1 in Merrimack

Valley Conference Division 1.

Schedule

The Golden Warriors are at Haverhill this afternoon (Thursday) at 3:30 p.m., host state power St. John's Prep of Danvers Saturday night in a non-leaguer at Lovely Field (7 p.m.) and host Tewksbury next Monday (3:30).

Injury report

Senior forward Joe Savoca remains sidelined after he fell in practice two weeks ago and suffered a broken collarbone. He is expected to be out for another 2-3 weeks.

Leading scorers

Nate Baker is the top scorer through seven games with five goals and four assists for nine points, while Jason Sheldon has four goals, one assist.

Andover 3

Billerica 0

The Golden Warriors snapped a brief two-game winless streak, and scored for the first time in three games while blanking Billerica Tuesday afternoon at Lovely Field.

Three players netted a goal each, the first and game-winner by Mike Baldwin 30 minutes into the opening half.

Assists went to Nate Baker and Tyler Hyslip, with Baker one-touching a pass to Hyslip for a crossing ball banged home by Baldwin.

Jason Sheldon's fourth goal followed five minutes later, and it was unassisted as he connected after stealing the ball from a BMHS defender.

Junior midfielder Norbert Guery's first varsity goal midway through the second half was also unassisted. He took a shot that was deflected by the Indians' keeper before it bounced off a Billerica defender and back into the net.

The AHS goalkeeper tandem of Chris Palmieri and Jeff Salvesen played a half each, both making six saves, as the locals registered their third combined shutout and fourth overall.

Billerica netminder Evan Caples was busy with 14 saves on 17 shots.

Other strong performances were contributed by Andover defenders Greg Levis, Steve Twomey, Max and Sam Ball and outside midfielders Pierre Hage and Hyslip.

Dracut 2

Andover 0

The host Golden Warriors were shut out for the second straight game (0-0 versus Lowell), falling to visiting Dracut which remained undefeated (4-0-1).

It was the fourth shutout in five games for the Middies, who allowed only two goals over that stretch (2-2 tie with Central Catholic).

"We came out flat and didn't play particularly well," said AHS head coach Mike Wartman. "Dracut took advantage of our lack of energy. We weren't as quick and they played harder."

ANDOVER SCORING

through Monday's games

FOOTBALL

(3 games)

	TD	PA	Pts.
Buddy Farnham	5	2	32
x-Ken Masse	1	6	15
Tom White	2	0	12

x-kicked 1 field goal

TD Passes: Tom White 3.

TD Receptions: Buddy Farnham 3.

GIRLS SOCCER

(7 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Emily Pallotta	5	7	12
Jen Hagopian	4	0	4
Rikki Sartor	2	2	4
Jessica Prencipe	2	0	2
Becky Johnson	1	0	1
Katie Lundquist	1	0	1
Jessica Ragnio	1	0	1
Ally Brown	0	1	1
Rachel Fox	0	1	1

Shutouts: Becky Cairns 1; Camille Fantini & Cairns 2.

BOYS SOCCER

(6 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Nate Baker	5	3	8
Jason Sheldon	3	1	4
Craig Massey	2	1	3
Tyler Carroll	2	0	2
Joe Savoca	1	1	2
Sam Ball	0	2	2
Steve Twomey	0	2	2
Mike Baldwin	1	0	1
Ian Dempsey	0	1	1

Shutouts: Chris Palmieri 1; Palmieri, Paul Schrader & Jeff Salvesen 1; Palmieri & Salvesen 1.

FIELD HOCKEY

(8 games)

	G	A	Pts.
Toby Maltz	6	2	8
Kerry Haugh	5	3	8
Debbie Chang	5	1	6
Julie Marton	3	1	4
Meghan Saccone	3	1	4
Lindsay Hegarty	0	4	4
Molly Lieberman	1	1	2
Jessica Hu	0	1	1
Casey Salois	0	1	1

Shutouts: Kristin Costagliola 3; McKenzie Trainor & Costagliola 1.

Hat Tricks: Kerry Haugh 1.

Both Dracut goals were netted by Jimmy Tulley — one in each half.

"They escaped on a couple of breakaways and had clear shots on both goals," said Wartman. "We had some trouble controlling the ball — and didn't get as many scoring opportunities as we had the previous five games."

"It was our fourth game in seven days. Our performance may have suffered because of that. Our kids played like they were tired."

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AHS ROUNDUP

By Rick Harrison

The Andover High varsity field hockey team, avenging its only loss of the season, broke a scoreless tie on a Toby Maltz goal with less than eight minutes to play on the way to a rain-soaked 1-0 non-league victory over host Gloucester.

While field hockey was exacting a measure of revenge, the AHS girls soccer and swim/dive teams remained undefeated.

Boys soccer and girls volleyball have both lost just once — and the overall won-lost-tied record of the nine AHS fall varsity teams is 33-13-6.

FIELD HOCKEY

The satisfying win over Gloucester, coupled with a key 1-1 tie against Tewksbury and lopsided 5-0 victories versus Dracut and Lawrence, lifted the Lady Warriors to 5-0-2 in MVC games and 6-1-2 overall.

Schedule

After playing four games in seven days, Andover is off until next Monday afternoon when it plays at Lowell (3:30 p.m.).

Wednesday night the locals have a rematch with Chelmsford (2-2 tie Sept. 8) under the lights at the Lions Simonian/Alumni Stadium (7 p.m.).

Scoring leaders

Kerry Haugh and Toby Maltz led the AHS scoring parade after eight games, both with six goals and three assists for nine points.

Debbie Chang is close behind with six goals, one assist.

Andover 1 Gloucester 0

The teams, who played the entire night game in a downpour, were

scoreless until 22:18 of the second half when junior forward Toby Maltz tipped in a right-wing crossing pass from junior linemate Lindsay Hegarty for the gamewinner off a corner.

"This is the best I've ever seen Toby and Lindsay play together," said eighth-year AHS head coach Maureen Noone, who has a good shot at notching her 100th career win at Andover this fall. "Their passing set up some excellent scoring chances. They just seem to know where the other is going to be. Lindsay has outstanding speed and it was such an advantage for her tonight."

Capt. Jessica Hu, moving from midfield to defense, did an outstanding job checking Gloucester's ever-dangerous scoring threat India Lowe.

"It was a team effort tonight — in all aspects — and Jessica was mainly responsible for shutting her (Lowe) down," said Noone.

Lady Warriors' goaltender Kristin Costagliola made 12 saves on the way to her third solo shutout and the team's fourth overall.

Andover 1 Tewksbury 1

In a typical showdown between these powers, the two traded late first-half goals less than two minutes apart and battled to the draw.

Capt. Meghan Saccone gave Andover a 1-0 lead at 24:43 on a penalty stroke, and then Tewksbury's Chrissy Lowe tied it at 26:34 on a direct shot off a corner.

The only other serious scoring opportunity on either side came in the early going — when it was still scoreless — but a Tewksbury penalty stroke went wide of the net.

"It's never an easy game when these two teams get together," said coach Noone. "It's always a tie or a

low-scoring one-goal decision either way.

"We play contrasting styles. They take long hits and try to capitalize on their tremendous speed. We play more of a short-passing control game. And neither of us has ever been able to get the other to change.

"Once again they're extremely fast and they have a lot of very good athletes. They get the ball and they're gone — off to the races.

"We did an outstanding job breaking up their plays and trying to negate some of their speed," said Noone.

"As usual the Tewksbury kids were very pumped up — from the time they got off the bus until the final whistle.

"We were fortunate to have great officiating. There were way too many high balls today, and Tewksbury out-shot and out-cornered us," said Noone.

TMHS did finish with slim advantages in shots on net (5-3) and corners (7-4).

Goalie Kristin Costagliola made four saves in the Andover net and Kristen Hachey (four shutouts) made two stops for Tewksbury.

Coach Noone also lauded the defensive play of center-midfielder Saccone, Jessica Hu who shifted from midfield to defense, and junior defender Elissa Lim.

*** Last year these two teams struggled to a pair of 1-1 ties, while in 2003 Andover won 1-0 and the rivals tied 0-0 and in 2004 AHS swept by 2-0 and 2-0 scores.

Tewksbury's last victory over Andover in field hockey was 1-0 on Oct. 17, 2001.

Andover 5 Dracut 0

Although it took Andover 23

minutes to get on the board, the locals simply overmatched the host Middies as five players netted a goal each in the romp.

Senior forward Kerry Haugh started the onslaught at 22:59 of the first half, Casey Salois assisting on Haugh's fifth goal which came off a free hit from the top of the circle.

Toby Maltz made it 2-0 less than six minutes later (28:30), with just 90 seconds left in the half, as her unassisted goal (fifth) came on a shot that deflected off the Dracut goaltender's pads.

Debbie Chang notched her fifth of the fall at 7:12 of the second half, Jessica Hu collecting the assist with a crossing pass tipped in by Chang from the left wing side.

Meghan Saccone got into the act three minutes later, Chang credited with the setup at 10:10 as the goal was a direct result of a corner play.

Julie Marton capped the attack with 10 minutes left in the game, connecting off another crossing pass by Lindsay Hegarty.

Lady Warriors' senior goaltender Kristin Costagliola made five saves for the shutout.

"Two of Kristin's saves were very tough chances," said coach Noone. "One came on a quick rebound shot. She was hugging the right post and dove to the opposite corner and stopped the ball with her glove. You don't see that too often from a field hockey goalie."

Noone also lauded the fine overall play of midfielder Salois, defender Elissa Lim and forwards Hegarty and Maltz.

Andover 5 Lawrence 0

Julie Marton led four AHS players into the scoring column with a pair of goals, as the host Lady Warriors grabbed a commanding 4-0 halftime lead and remained unde-

feated in MVC play with this Tuesday afternoon victory.

"It's hard to rein our kids in because they play hard all the time," said coach Noone. "You get a big lead like that and it's tough.

"We played some girls at different positions and tried a few new things. It was nice to have a game like this after grinding one out the night before against Gloucester in the pouring rain."

Kerry Haugh opened the scoring 3:31 into the game, with Casey Salois notching the first of her two assists. Molly Lieberman made it 2-0 at the 9:01 mark, set up by Toby Maltz, and the first of Marton's pair two minutes later (11:01) came off a feed by Salois. Debbie Chang wrapped up the first-half attack with a tally at 15:34, assist to Anna Harrington.

Marton had the lone goal of the second half, assisted by Jen Quinlan, at the 6:20 mark.

Goaltenders Kristen Costagliola and McKenzie Trainor combined for the shutout, the second they have shared and the team's fifth overall.

Noone also lauded the play of senior center-back/midfielder Kristin Walsh, Lieberman at forward and sophomore defender Quinlan who stopped several Lancer offensive thrusts and got the play going the other way.

GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

The Andover High girls varsity volleyball team visited both ends of the competitive spectrum recently, dropping an as-close-as-it-gets 3-2 decision to Lawrence in a showdown battle of the unbeaten before bouncing back for an overwhelming 3-0 sweep of Haverhill.

The split left Coach George Sul-

livan's crew at 5-1 overall, 3-1 in the Merrimack Valley Conference with all five wins 3-0 whitewashes.

Schedule

Busy AHS played at Dracut (6-1) last night, after Townsmen presstime, travels to Reading tonight (Thursday) for a non-leagues (7 p.m.) and returns home to battle archival and longtime nemesis Chelmsford Saturday night at the Dunn Gym (7 p.m.).

Lawrence 3 Andover 2

In what could end up being the season's most exciting, frustrating and longest match — the Lady Warriors fell from the unbeaten ranks as the visiting Lancers squeezed out a marathon come-from-behind 24-26, 22-25, 26-24, 25-11, 16-14 victory at the Dunn Gym.

The fifth and deciding game saw AHS fall behind 5-0 early, before pulling into a 7-7 tie and taking a 14-13 lead.

But, with match point in sight and the serve in hand, Andover couldn't close it out as Lawrence clicked off the final three points to take the overtime victory and remain unbeaten (6-0).

At 14-15 our server tried for the ace — but the ball went out of bounds and Lawrence capitalized from there," said coach Sullivan. "Like their boys (volleyball) team, the Lawrence girls have some tremendous athletes that make a difference."

"We committed some crucial errors — like letting the ball drop to the floor three times (for Lancer points) in the third game when we could have won and swept them," said Sullivan.

"After losing game three, we were completely out of game four."

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LOCAL ATHLETES

By Rick Harrison

This column, compiled from information supplied by the colleges or by friends and relatives of the student-athletes, youth standouts and coaches involved, is published periodically in the Townsman. Information may be mailed to the office at 33 Chestnut St., Andover, 01810; or faxed to 978-470-2819.

Junior cornerback/safety **Sean Smith** of Andover has helped the Bentley College football team to a 3-1 start, including a 50-28 romp over host Merrimack College in a Northeast-10 Conference game last weekend at Warrior Field in North Andover.

In his homecoming to the area, former Andover High standout Smith shared the team lead in tackles with five.

Bentley's earlier wins were over Southern Connecticut State University (33-24) and American International (28-7), while the season-opening loss was 72-17 to national power East Stroudsburg of Pennsylvania.

Smith made eight tackles as the Waltham-based Bentley crew bowed to visiting National Division 2 power East Stroudsburg (Pa.) University. It was only the second time in 18 varsity seasons the Falcons lost their opener.

Mike Muccio of Andover is also a freshman on the Bentley roster.

The Falcons, who have won 21 of 22 Northeast-10 games since 2002, host Assumption College of Worcester tomorrow (Friday) night (7 p.m.).

Courtney Hale of Andover is a versatile junior standout on the Wheaton College (Norton) women's soccer team this fall.

Hale can play anywhere on the field as a defender, midfielder and forward.

In a season-opening 2-0 win at defending ECAC New England champion Western Connecticut State University, Hale assisted on the winning (first goal).

The Wheaton women are ranked third in

the National Soccer Coaches Association of America pre-season poll.

Last year Hale appeared in 15 games and took seven shots as Wheaton posted a spectacular 23-1-2 record, winning its fifth straight New England Women's and Men's Athletic Conference title and going undefeated until a 3-1 loss to Wheaton College of Illinois in an NCAA Tournament Final Four game.

Brett Carroll of Andover has successfully petitioned Holy Cross College in Worcester to create a club baseball team that is playing this fall.

Carroll, who began lobbying for the team last spring and met with numerous HC officials before getting approval, is a 2003 Andover High graduate and was a captain of the Golden Warriors' baseball team as a senior.

He is now a junior and Dean's List student majoring in pre-med at Holy Cross.

Carroll will co-coach the club team and also do some pitching.

Other schools represented in the club league include Fairfield, Boston University, UNH, UMaine, Emerson and New England College.

Brett is the son of Joe and Paula Carroll and brother of current AHS third baseman Greg Carroll.

"This was quite an undertaking and involved a lot of work," said proud dad Joe.

Oriana Federico of Andover, a graduate of Lawrence Academy in Groton, is a freshman member of the Wheaton College women's tennis team this fall.

Federico is projected as a potential doubles player.

Ashley Heller of Andover, a senior member of the Merrimack College women's tennis team, sparked a recent season-opening 9-0 romp over non-conference

opponent Lyndon (Vt.) State.

Playing first singles and second doubles, the Lady Warriors' No. 1 player did not lose a game in a 6-0, 6-0 singles romp and 8-0 doubles shutout.

Andover High ice hockey standout **Maria Nasta** scored four goals and passed out four assists to help lead Team Massachusetts to a berth in the championship game of last month's Hockey Night in Boston Girls Summer Showcase Tournament at the Salem, N.H. Icenter.

Nasta, who also plays varsity soccer and softball, did the offensive damage in five games as 2004 champ Massachusetts went 5-0 on the way to the title showdown where it dropped a 4-2 decision to Minnesota.

Wins were over Connecticut/Mid-Atlantic (5-1), Midwest (8-1), New England (7-4), Northeast (8-3) and eventual champ Minnesota (4-3, overtime shootout).

Lindsay Moramarco, who plays for Phillips Academy, was the second leading scorer in the tourney with five goals, seven assists, 12 points for Team New England, which finished 4-2.

Several top interscholastic female ice hockey players who either live or go to school in Andover were among more than 135 from 20 different states and Canada who played in the 11th annual HNIB girls tourney.

Andover residents, with their school and HNIB tourney team in parentheses, were forward Becky Cairns (Andover High/Team Northeast), forward Nasta (Andover High/Team Massachusetts) and forward Moramarco (Phillips Academy/Team New England).

Other Phillips Academy players in the tourney included forward Stephanie Clegg (Woburn/Team Northeast) and defense Melissa Tetreau (Methuen/Team Massachusetts).

PA coach Martha Fenton coached Team New England.

Seaside Champs



COURTESY PHOTO

In July at the Bristol School in East Greenwich, R.I., Andover's U14 Girls Soccer team dominated and won the Seaside Classic 2005 Tournament. Members of the team included, front row, from left: Paige Leeman, Emily Finneran, Hillary Brownson, Samantha Arnold and Natalie Sousa, standing from left: Caroline O'Sullivan, Cassandra Drivas, Melissa Pennington, Alice Grant, Marina Moschitto, Quincy Jessop, Sandra Levis, Elizabeth Gilbert and Lara Bhalwala. Back row: Coaches Bob Gilbert, Bill Pennington, Ken Levis and Carol Arnold. A caption used last week neglected to name some of the players.

Church basketball sign-ups

The Andover Church Basketball League is currently holding 2005-06 registration for players in grades 4 through 8.

Registration forms are available at local places of worship, plus Memorial Hall Library and the Andover Hockey Shop in Shawshen Square.

The deadline for registering is Oct. 1 and the fee is \$40 per player.

The ACBL, in continuous operation for more than a half-century, has boys and girls divisions for Junior (4th grade), Intermediate (5th-6th) and Senior (7th-8th) players.

Games, played once-a-week on Saturday afternoon and evening at the Andover High Field House courts, are scheduled to start in early December and run through the winter when schools are in session.

For more information, contact Bob French at 978-475-4145 or e-mail: rhfrench@comcast.net.

Andover's Oppenheim adjusting to professional links

Andover pro golfer Rob Oppenheim finished tied for eighth in the recent Cleveland Tour Samoset Open after rounds of 66, 71 and 74 for a final total of 1-over 211.

Oppenheim was tied for the lead after the first round but struggled over the final 18.

He is competing this week, beginning today and continuing through Saturday, at the 54-hole Vermont National in Burlington, Vt.

The final event of the 2005

Cleveland Tour season will be Oct. 5-7 at Granite Links in Quincy. Oppenheim will also play the first stage of Q-School (PGA Card Qualifying) in Kannapolis, N.C. Oct. 18-21.

Earlier this month Oppenheim shot a final round 6-under 66, tying the course record at the Lake Winnepesaukee Golf Club, as he jumped up 22 places on the final day to finish 10th in the New England Open.

It marked a return to the White

Mountains of New Hampshire where Oppenheim won the New Hampshire Open earlier this summer with a blistering 61-68-129.

The local linksman played the first two rounds of the New England with Kirk Hanefeld (Maine and Rhode Island Open winner) and Eric Egloff (Massachusetts Open winner).

It took Oppenheim a couple of rounds to get untracked and learn the course, and finally he put together a solid round of seven birdies and one bogey to close

with a 54-hole total of 72-73-66-211.

The event carried a \$150,000 purse, \$40,000 to the winner.

Oppenheim also put together another solid closing run at the fifth annual 54-hole Cleveland Tour Captains Open in Brewster (Mass.), as the defending champ fired a 5-under 67 in the third round to finish at 6-under 70-73-67-210 for a share of 16th place.

In other late-summer play,

Oppenheim closed with birdies on the 17th and 18th holes to shoot 69 in the televised final round of the 72-hole Canadian Tour Players Championship held in Brimley, Mich.

That 3-under round, coupled with earlier tours of 69, 70 and 73, enabled Oppenheim to tie for fourth place at 7-under 281.

He started with a first round 35-34-69, and jumped into a tie for third place after a second round 70 for a 139.

A rain-soaked third-round 73

left the local standout at 212 and tied for fifth place, four strokes behind leader Anders Hultman of Sweden.

Oppenheim had a tough front nine, starting with a birdie on the 1st hole before struggling to a 5 over 41 at the turn as he quickly slipped down the leaderboard.

However, after getting a birdie on the 10th hole and firing three more, including two on the final two holes, he proceeded to shoot 4-under on the back to finish with the 73.

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TOWN TALK

I said, Wookie pitcher, not rookie

If the first pitch thrown out before the Red Sox game last night, Wednesday, was wild, the celebrities had an excuse. Jet lag. Interstellar jet lag.

Heroes from the *Star Wars* films – or at least people dressed like them – had the honor of tossing the first pitch before last night's Sox-Blue Jays game, which occurred after *Townsmen* presstime. Andover resident Michael Horvath was slated to be dressed as Chewbacca, Han Solo's very tall and hairy sidekick in the three original George Lucas films.

For the past five years, Horvath, a 28-year old exhibit designer at the Museum of Science, has helped create a variety of exhibits there. This October, he'll help unveil "Star Wars: Where Science Meets the Imagination," a world-premiere exhibition developed in collaboration with Lucasfilm Ltd., according to the museum.

He is a hard-core fan of both the Red Sox and Star Wars, said a co-worker.

— Neil Fater



To promote an exhibit coming to the Museum of Science, a group of people dressed as *Star Wars* characters threw out the first pitch at Fenway yesterday, Wednesday. One was an Andover resident named Michael Horvath.

Nurse:

Tackle pain before it tackles you

Local residents suffering from chronic pain are invited to a 10-week pain management course. The class is open to residents in their teens or older and runs for 10 weeks, beginning Oct. 6. The cost is \$40.

Course leader Gerry Rainville, a registered nurse, has lived with chronic pain since 1992, when she began suffering from continuous migraines at age 46. The course, "Managing Pain Before it Manages You" is based on the techniques developed by the Mind/Body Institute and the Arnold Pain Center at Beth Israel Deaconess Medical Center.

Chronic pain is long-term and affects physical, emotional and behavioral changes. There are many causes of chronic pain, says Rainville, but the pain experience is the same. "This is about teaching people to manage pain correctly," she says. Rainville hopes the information she imparts will help others deal with their chronic pain. The goal is to decrease pain symptoms while increasing quality of life, she says.

Today, Rainville has learned to manage her chronic pain, and the intensity of her pain has decreased significantly.

Those interested in signing up for the class should know preregistration is required by calling the Andover Senior Center at 978-623-8321.

— Greta Cuyler

Say 'HELLO' to his little friends

At Andover High School, more than 100 pairs of eyes stare blankly into space inside the principal's office.

The small figures never cause a disturbance, except for occasionally collapsing in rows like dominoes, and they never leave.

They're members of Principal Peter Anderson's personal PEZ collection. Dozens of the bright candy-colored characters are grouped together by genre. There are characters from *Star Wars*, the *Simpsons* and Warner Brothers, vintage dispensers and those depicting super heroes and holiday themes.

"It just grows," Anderson says. "Teachers, students and people I know keep giving them to me."

Although Anderson does not eat the PEZ candy, which was developed in Vienna, Austria some 70 years ago, he enjoys keeping around the head-capped dispensers as conversation pieces.

"People definitely notice them," he adds.

As Anderson is not exactly a serious collector, a few PEZ fanatics might be prepared to fork over a considerable amount of change for some of his pieces. PEZs like Anderson's "vintage boy and girl" are currently attracting bids of nearly \$50 on eBay, while Chewbacca and Yoda are worth around \$23.

"It's just a candy holder to me," laughs Anderson, who has no plans on cashing in on his PEZ – at least not yet.

— Rita Savard



Gifts of Pez have left Andover High School Principal Peter Anderson with quite a collection.

GOODS TRADED FOR SURGERY

Internet work helps internationally

By Rita Savard

At first glance, a cleft lip on a baby's small face can shock.

Leafing through a magazine, 14-year-old Carly Rauh had her attention grabbed by pictures of such infants, who had gaping holes between their mouths and noses. The images wouldn't let go.

When Carly read that the common birth defect was 100-percent correctable, another image came to mind. It was her 4-year-old adopted sister, Lily.

Lily wasn't born with a cleft lip. But she was born in China, where there are millions of orphans. In the overpopulated country, where law allows only one child per household, many Chinese orphans will never be adopted. For babies born with birth defects such as cleft lips, the odds are bleak.

Carly is hoping to change their future.

The Pike School eighth-grader has raised \$2,500 over the past two summers by auctioning items – from clothes to electronics – on eBay. All of the proceeds the young marketer has raised will benefit cleft lip corrective surgeries for Chinese orphans.

"After I saw an article about (cleft lip), I couldn't stop thinking about it," Carly said. "It's something that doesn't have to be permanent. If there is a way for kids who can't afford the surgeries to actually get them, it might help them to get adopted."

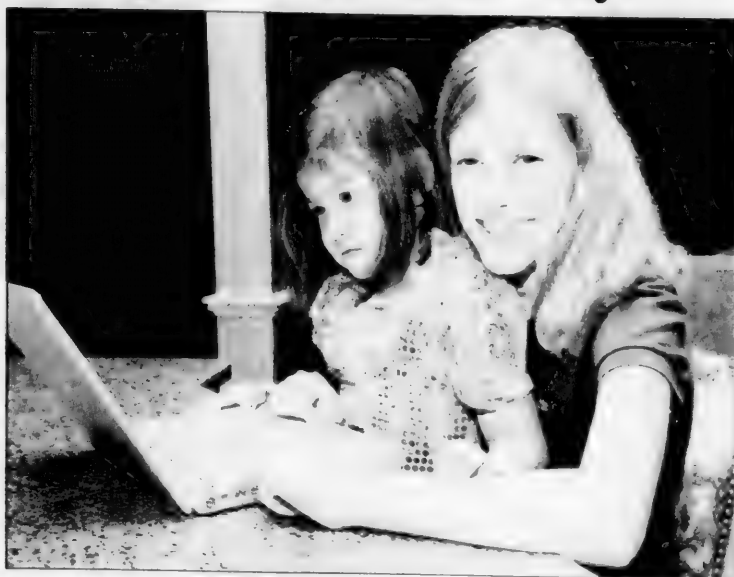
Many babies are abandoned in China because of physical problems, even common congenital defects such as cleft lip or cleft palate, according to Lillian Zhang, director of China Adoption With Love Inc., (CAWL) an agency in Brookline that places Chinese orphans into US homes.

"There is no way to know for sure just how many children are in China's many orphanages," said Zhang. "But there are many children who are older with physical conditions and birth defects."

One in every 600 to 700 newborns is affected by cleft lip and/or cleft palate, according to statistics from the American Academy of Otolaryngology.

Every developing fetus starts out with a cleft palate. Cleft means "split" or "separation." During early pregnancy, separate areas of the face develop individually and then join together. The lip usually closes by five to six weeks after conception, and the palate by 10 weeks.

If some parts do not join properly the result is a cleft. Clefts can range from a slight notch in the colored portion of the lip, to complete separation in one or both sides of the lip, extending up and into the nose. A cleft lip separation may also include a separation of the bones of the upper jaw and/or upper gum, dividing the gum into separate parts.



Carly Rauh, 14, (above, with her adopted sister, Lily) sold people's used items on eBay, collecting a commission that she donated to help Chinese orphans with cleft lip.

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Since clefts occur so early in pregnancy, medical experts report difficulty in identifying exact causes. Although the birth defect is common, modern surgical procedures are now advanced enough to make even the most severe cases of cleft lip and cleft palate virtually unnoticeable.

Surgeries can cost around \$500, said Zhang, and can require more than one procedure. The money Carly raised by selling goods online could help up to five orphans lead more normal lives.

"Carly has opened so many hearts in China," Zhang said. "To do something this good, especially for someone so young, it is hard to find words to express how thankful we are. Her kindness touches many. She is saving lives."

This summer alone, Carly earned \$1,300 from closing deals on eBay's online marketplace. Close to 40 items were sold and a minimum of 30 percent from each sale went toward Carly's cause. Often, she said, satisfied customers would allow her to keep a larger share of the earnings.

"I'd see my dad selling things online for my mom, and it just seemed like a good idea," Carly said. "I thought other people would want to do the same, but might not know

how."

Helping neighbors, family and friends who were a bit less computer-savvy, Carly posted goods bearing designer name tags including Lily Pulitzer, Abercrombie, Gap and Gucci. Some of the offers for secondhand articles actually surprised the young auctioneer. A 10-year-old Gucci bag, which Carly described as a "Jackie O" look-a-like, raked in \$250.

"We encouraged her to pursue the idea because it was a nice opportunity to raise funds without taking cash out of people's pockets," said Tom Rauh, Carly's dad. "In fact, it put money back into people's pockets and helped them to clean out their closets at the same time."

Carly's donation, specifically directed for cleft palate repairs, might soon benefit a child or children in the same Chinese province her sister, Lily, was living in. Zhang hopes to eventually connect Carly with the children she helps.

In the meantime, Carly plans to continue working the virtual auction block to help buy more children some hope.

"It's a big deal, knowing I could do something to help make someone's life better," Carly said. "It shows how much one person really can make a difference."

To clean out your closet and help donate to Carly's cause, contact Carly with any items to sell on eBay at smiles4kids@comcast.net.

Home on the range

By Alessandra Siraco
What's Up contributor

Andover teenager Katie Hoople spent two weeks this summer in a schoolhouse. She wasn't doing schoolwork, there, however, she was sleeping after a tough day of work.

"I wanted to do something with my summer," says Hoople, 17. That's why she volunteered with the Landmark program, traveling to Colorado to help out on a ranch. Landmark Volunteers travel to perform community service. "It was designed so that kids could get out of Andover and go help out around the country," Hoople explains.

Hoople "focused on ranch work" while she was at the Chico Basin Ranch in Colorado. She and 10 other volunteers herded cattle, fixed fences, got rid of unruly weeds, and generally spruced up the place. "We all slept in a one-room schoolhouse," she says.

The program counts for 80

hours of community service, but that's not the only reason this high school junior participated.

"I wanted to get out of Andover and have an experience that I could remember for a long time," she says.

A typical day in the program consisted of waking up at 7 a.m., having breakfast, and working until 12:30. After lunch, a different project was introduced, and around 5, the volunteers were free to swim in a nearby pond and eat dinner. The worst part? "Having to wake up at 7 every morning!" says Hoople.

One anecdote of her travels included burning tumbleweeds and keeping the fire from spreading, with smoke and dust flying into her face. However, the hard work and grime was completely worth it, she says.

"I'll definitely keep in touch with at least some of the people," she says. "I'd recommend the Landmark experience to anybody."

Making it in the pros

Catching up with 3 professional baseballers who called town 'home'

By Rick Harrison

Three professional baseball players from Andover recently completed their 2005 minor league seasons.

Kevin Shepard, a 22-year-old former Andover High, Post 8 American Legion and Boston College lefty pitching standout, toiled on the mound this summer for the Batavia Muckdogs Class A minor league affiliate of the Philadelphia Phillies.

The 6'0," 185-pound Shepard had a 2-1 record, appearing in 18 games overall and making one start for the New York/Penn League team.

He tossed 34 innings, allowing 43 hits and 18 earned runs while striking out 28 and walking 14. His ERA was 4.76.

Shepard finished with several strong outings down the stretch that lowered his earned run average almost 1.5 points.

Shepard, who was drafted last year, pitched in two games at LeLachur Park in Lowell when Batavia was in town for a series against the Lowell Spinners, the Red Sox Class A farm team.

Batavia finished the season 36-39 for second place in the NY/PL Pinckney Division, winning seven of its last 10 games to vault into the runner-up spot.

Ryan Hanigan put together an outstanding season as a catcher for the Tennessee-based Chattanooga Lookouts, a Class AA farm team of the Cincinnati Reds.

The Lookouts play their home games at BellSouth Park and are members of the North Division in the South-eastern League.

Playing in exactly 100 games, while splitting time with second receiver Brian Peterson, the 6'1", 185-pound former Andover High, Post 8 Legion and Rollins College standout and Cape Cod League MVP hit .321 which was second best on the team.

Hanigan finished with 107 hits, 45 runs scored, 14 doubles, 1 triple, 4 homers and 29 RBI.

He also had 135 total bases, 50 walks, 4 stolen bases, a .418 on-base percentage and .405 slugging percentage.

Defensively, he made only 6 errors.

Last year Hanigan, who recently turned 25, was elevated to the Triple-A level (one step away from the majors) for six games with the Louisville Bats.

Mark O'Sullivan, a 6'1", 215-pound right-handed pitcher, threw for the Class AA Arkansas Travelers in the Los Angeles Angels of Anaheim farm system.

The Travelers play their home games on Ray Winder Field at War Memorial Park in Little Rock and compete in the East Division of the Texas League.

The 26-year-old former Andover High and Post 8 Legion standout owned a 1-4 record and a 6.16 ERA.

The hard-thrower appeared in 45 games, with 4 starts and 41 relief appearances (mostly middle innings).

In 76 innings O'Sullivan allowed 92 hits and 52 earned runs, striking out 45 and issuing 38 walks.

Arkansas was 37-33 in the second half of the season, leading the Texas League East Division.

RELIGION

Unitarians begin orientation series tonight, Sept. 29

The Unitarian Universalist Congregation at 6 Locke St. is running a two-part orientation series from 7:30 to 9 p.m. beginning tonight, Thursday Sept. 29 and ending Thursday, Oct. 6. Membership Chair, Ms. Tricia Schwartz and Rev. Ralph Galen and friends will present a brief overview of Unitarian Universalist history, theology, educational philosophy, and programs. All questions are welcomed. According to the local congregation, UUism is over four centuries

old. In America many of the founders of our democracy were UUs, including Thomas Jefferson and Samuel Adams. "The emphasis at UUC in Andover is on creating a community of support and inclusion to help individuals and families find and live their religious and spiritual journeys. All sincere seekers are welcomed. Exploration is encouraged in a non-dogmatic environment," said a release.

Evening planned to honor Temple Emanuel cantor

The Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation has planned an evening of celebration to honor Cantor Donn Rosensweig for 20 years of service to the Merrimack Valley Jewish Community and to Temple Emanuel, Andover.

The event will take place on Sunday, Nov. 13 at 6:30 pm at Temple Emanuel. The program will consist of a reception, dinner, testimonials and entertainment. This event will benefit the community campaign of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation. The event will cost \$54 per person to attend.

Cantor Rosensweig has served Temple Emanuel in Andover as its cantor since 1986. He currently serves as President of the New England Board of Cantors, is a member of the board of the Andover

Chamber Music Series and is a member of the Andover and Greater Lawrence Clergy Association.

He has served the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation on the First Light Committee, the Nominating Committee, and the Allocations Committee. He is a member of the Executive Committee and Board and currently serves as a co-chairman to the annual campaign.

Proceeds from a tribute book will go towards the 2006 community campaign of the Merrimack Valley Jewish Federation. The campaign represents the commitment of the Merrimack Valley Jewish community to secure the future of the Jewish people through advocacy and education, said organizers in a release.

James D. Marnie

Scotland native belonged to St. Matthews Lodge

James D. Marnie, 79, of Methuen and formerly of Andover, died Sunday, Sept. 25, at Caritas Holy Family Hospital. He was born in Abroth, Scotland, July 18, 1926.

He was a member of St. Matthews Lodge of Andover, and the Shriners of Wilmington. Mr. Marnie served with the British Paratroopers during World War II.

Members of his family include his wife, Margaret M. (Millar) Marnie of Methuen; one son, James D. Marnie Jr. and his wife Susan of Windham, N.H.; three daughters, June S. Durso and her husband Sam of Methuen, Eleanor Sandiford and her husband Michael of Osprey, Fla., and Violet Lally and her husband John of Lawrence; eight grandchildren; 10 great-grandchildren; one sister, Violet Wilkins of Abroth; and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to The American Cancer Society, Centralized Memorial Processing Center, 30 Speen St., Framingham, MA 01701.

DEATHS

Mary C. Grady, 84, Cesidio R. "Jesse" Liffieri, 91, James D. Marnie, 79, Michael D. Plunkett, 68, Viola Ragonese, 81, Sgt. Pierre A. Raymond, 28, Louise A. Roberge, 87

OBITUARIES ARE SUPPLIED BY FUNERAL HOMES AND FAMILY MEMBERS

DEATHS ELSEWHERE

GRADY — Mary C. Grady, 84, of Virginia Beach, Va., died Monday, Sept. 19 at home, after a long illness.

Members of her family include her son, Jack Grady, assistant editor of the *Andover Townsman*.

LIFRIERI — Cesidio R. "Jesse" Liffieri, 91, of Somerville, died Saturday, Sept. 24 after a long illness.

Members of his family include his daughter, Nancy Patsios and her husband James of Andover.

PLUNKETT — Michael D. Plunkett, 68, of Methuen, died Sunday, Sept. 25, at Lawrence General Hospital.

Members of his family include his

daughter and son-in-law, Patricia J. and Mark Guzeja of Andover.

RAGONESE — Viola (DeSantis) Ragonese, 81, of North Andover and formerly of Lawrence, died Saturday, Sept. 24 at Sutton Hill Center.

Members of her family include her son, Robert Ragonese and his wife Moira of Andover.

RAYMOND — Sgt. Pierre A. Raymond, 28, of Lawrence, died Tuesday, Sept. 20 in Germany of injuries sustained in an attack on his base camp in Ramadhi, Iraq, on Sept. 15.

Members of his family include his aunt and uncle, Domenic and Louise Nicolosi of Andover.

Louise A. Roberge

Retired from Andover Housing Authority

Louise A. (Eldred) Roberge, 87, of Andover, died Thursday, Sept. 22, at Sawtelle Hospice House in Reading.

She was born in Andover, Sept. 12, 1918.

She retired from the Andover Housing Authority, where she was an administrative assistant.

She was a member of St. Augustine Church, and volunteer at Andover Historical Society.

She was the widow of Roger E. Roberge.

Members of her family

include her daughters, Marilyn Demers of Lawrence, Patricia A. Roberge of Methuen, and Barbara J. Roberge and her husband Larry McCargar of Andover; daughter-in-law, Sayoko Roberge of Vermont; seven grandchildren; four great-grandchildren; two brothers, Richard Eldred of Andover, and Jim Eldred of Methuen; and many nieces and nephews. She was mother of the late Roger P. Roberge.

Arrangements were by Burke-Magliozi Funeral Home, 390 N. Main St., Andover.

Memorial contributions may be made to St. Augustine Building Fund, 43 Essex St., Andover, MA 01810, or Andover Historical Society, 97 Main St., Andover, MA 01810.

OBITUARIES

The *Townsman* will publish obituaries of Andover residents without charge.

The paper also will publish without charge a short announcement of those people who died and did not live here, but are related to someone who lives in Andover. This listing will include the name of the deceased, where he or she lived, when he or she died, and names of relatives in Andover.

Those who wish to have a complete obituary published about a person who did not live in Andover can pay for a death notice. The cost of a death notice depends on the length of the notice.

Questions? Call Jack Grady or Neil Fater at 978-475-7000.

ALL THOSE YEARS AGO

100 Years Ago — 1905

The regular meeting of the Andover Athletic Association was held in the club house last Friday evening when plans were laid for the fall and winter. A set of bylaws and constitution were read and were unanimously adopted. It was voted to hold a dance in the near future and the following committee was appointed to have charge of it, Lawrence Itahon, John P. Sweeney, John Lawson, Lester Hilton, Ivan and William Matthews.

Miss Margaret Saunders is visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. George Saunders, on High Street.

The 92nd birthday of Mrs. Mary A. Callahan was celebrated by a number of friends on Monday, when they called at her home on Abbot Street to offer congratulations.

Frank Poland has entered the employ of George Saunders, the plumber.

Punchard School has withdrawn from the meet which was to have been held between the Methuen High School, Johnson High School and Punchard, in North Andover tomorrow afternoon.

Representative and Mrs. John N. Cole and their daughter Dorothy, are the guest of Senator and Mrs. Harold P. Moseley, at their home in Westfield.

A smoke talk will be held by Lincoln Lodge, A.O.U.W. in their hall this evening. All members are expected to be present.

A well-attended public meeting was held under the auspices of the YMCA in the pilgrim hall last Saturday afternoon. An eloquent address was delivered by Rev. Nathan Bailey of Peabody, which was listened to with great interest.

Violets, the first of this season from J.H. Playdon's greenhouses at Frye Village, are filling the *Townsman* office with their fragrance. Mr. Playdon is ready for orders.

Edward Nolan, who has been spending the summer in Laconia, N.H., is in town for a few days. Mr. Nolan has been playing good ball on the Laconia baseball team and was a member of the team which won the state championship. Donald Buchan, also formerly of this town, was a member of the winning team. Mr. Nolan holds a responsible position in the city engineer's office.

Mr. and Mrs. Percy Dove have moved into the house on Abbot Street recently vacated by Mr. and Mrs. James C. Sawyer.

Remember to get your tickets for the AAA dance in the town hall on Friday evening Nov. 1.

Gents, 50 cents; ladies, 25 cents.

50 Years Ago — 1955

A request for an additional \$200.00 for the new high school will come before the voters at a Special Town Meeting. The school building committee has been asked the selectmen to call the meeting Oct. 10 at 8 p.m.

Members of the Andover Junior Garden Club met last Saturday in Memorial Hall Library. The first fall meeting was turned into a plant show, with members taking something they have grown during the summer for the appraisal of Garden Club members who assist the younger garden enthusiasts.

Several young girls of the High Plain Road section held a very successful sale at home of Renee Duborg, Saturday afternoon. Cookies, popcorn balls, punch and pot holders were offered for sale, and games were played. Through the thoughtfulness of Beverly Turner, Dana Peterson and Renee Duborg, the sum of \$13 was turned over to the Red Cross for relief of the recent flood victims.

Glenn Peatman, EFAA, USN, has recently completed an eight week training course at Bainbridge, Md. he is now enjoying a furlough at his home on Cutler Road. Glenn is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peatman of Cutler Road, and graduated from Punchard High last June.

A family dinner party was held Sunday at the home of Mr. and Mrs. John Gorrie of High Plain Road, honoring Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Broadbent and family, who are visiting here from Reseda, Calif.

Saturday, Sept. 24, the couple's club of the West Church, will sponsor a trip to the Red Sox-Yankee baseball game. A bus will leave the church at 12:15. Anyone interested to go should notify William Stewart.

Over twenty young people, members of the Junior High Pilgrim Fellowship of West church, held a hot dog roast at home of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Peatman. The senior high group held a surprise supper in the vestry of the West church. Summer conference experiences were discussed by various members who attended the conference camps.

Richard Hudgins of North Street and Bruce Stewart of High Plain Road are both enrolled at Boston University Junior College.

Mrs. Elsie Sloran of Lowell Street is enjoying an extended visit with relatives and friends in Plainsfield, N.J.

Miss Gladys Gill has returned to her home on Shaw-

sheen Road after spending several weeks with her sister, Mrs. Sinclair Scott, Castle Douglas, Scotland. Miss Gill also visited for two weeks in London.

A Harvest supper is being held tonight on the vestry of the United Church. This will open to the public and sittings will be held at 6:30 and 7 o'clock. Tickets may be obtained at the door.

Next Sunday is World Wide Communion Sunday. A special offering will be received for overseas relief and the chaplaincy work.

25 Years Ago — 1980

The Andover League of Women Voters will conduct a membership branch on Saturday, Oct. 4 at 10 a.m. at home of Jean Leuner, 5 Brentwood Circle. New members will be welcome to join with the group to learn the ways persons may become involved in the League and find out the issues being studied this year.

Andona has already begun planning the many projects and functions which enable the society to aid the youth of Andover, such as Clown Town, the Andona Ball and a Mid-winter Card Party. Thanks to the support of the community, Andona is able to distribute scholarships to graduating seniors at Andover High School and the Vocational High School, send deserving children to various summer camps and assist with many other needy youth projects.

Anxiously awaiting the arrival of Big Bird at the South Church Fair on Saturday, Oct. 4, are Kristina Melvin, Jeffrey Cratty, Douglas Batchelder and Melissa O'Brien. Reserved seating is available for "Lunch with Big Bird," through the church office.

The Women's Evening Circle of West Parish Church will open their 1980-81 season on Oct. 9

at 6:30 p.m. in Fellowship Hall. The program for the evening will be an exercise dance night.

The Shawshen neighborhood of the Spar and Spindle Girl Council will hold a used uniform sale on Friday, Oct. 10, 3-5 p.m. at South Church, 41 Central St., in the Discovery room on the lower level.

Openings exist in the Oriental rug-making class at Essex Agricultural & Technical Institute's evening program which will be held on Tuesday nights from 7 to 10 p.m. starting Sept. 30 in Berry Hall, Room 205.

Fall foliage in New England is expected to be excellent this year according to information compiled by the Auto Club of Merrimack Valley.

10 Years Ago — 1995

A New Hampshire judge this week approved the return of \$100,000 cash bail posted for David O. Cobb in exchange for the title to a house he owns in Middleton, N.H. The house is valued at \$129,000. Mr. Cobb, the Phillips Academy English teacher charged last month with attempting to lure three children into his car in Farmington, N.H., appeared in court last week for a hearing on two motions filed by his attorneys.

The Sheila Brodie-Zetlan breast cancer support group will meet Monday evenings from 7 to 8 at Holy Family Hospital 70 East St. Methuen beginning Oct. 18 and running until Nov. 22.

The program is offered free of charge. Preregistration is requested because group size is limited.

The School Committee voted to approve as much as \$100,000 to equip South School's new computer lab and media center with technology, as long as its ad hoc technology committee presents a plan for the rest of the

town's elementary schools by Oct. 14.

Jamie Kaplan, an eighth grader at West Middle School, will be a soloist at the Great Skate II Sunday, Oct. 1, at 4 p.m. Merrimack College Volpe Arena in North Andover. She will skate with Olympic gold medalist Oksana Baiul and others.

A golf tournament to benefit youth activities during Andover's 350th birthday celebration will take place at Andover Country Club Monday, Oct. 2. For free of \$100 golfers will get a continual breakfast, 18 holes of golf, use of a cart and buffet cookout.

Daniel Coleman of Andover will leave for Italy Saturday, on a two and a half week military assignment. Fifty-one teams played softball in the Easter Seal Softball Games at Doherty Middle School recently, sponsored by Marshalls. Business Equipment Depot and WLVI TV56, and raised \$19,500 for Easter Seal services for men, women and children with disabilities.

Selectman Barry Finegold will hold office hours Wednesday, Sept. 27, from 6 to 7 p.m. at Memorial Hall Library. All citizens are welcome to share any issues they have concerning the town of Andover.

St. Roberts Bellarmine Parish Knights of Columbus, in association with the American Red Cross, will sponsor a regional blood drive at the Parish Hall at 198 Haggetts Pond Road Thursday, Oct. 12, from 3 to 8 p.m.

The Andover Junior Garden Club will begin its 1995-'96 season Saturday, Oct. 7, 10-11:30 a.m., with a walking tour of the AVIS Goldsmith Reservation.

A Better Chance students will ask their new resident tutor, Celestine Reid, a lot of questions this year. A grandmother, Ms. Reid holds a master of science degree from Johns Hop-

kins University, has worked for The Central Intelligence Agency, and currently is seeking a master of divinity degree from the Andover Newton Theological School.

Jay Leno said he was stunned by his first Emmy Sunday, but in some ways his longtime Andover friends say the award did not have as great an effect as fans might think.

Selectmen mostly agree that they do not want to replace police officers on road details with civilian flaggers. But they may discuss developing a policy on the issue if such talk would not violate any regulations or laws.

The Department of Community Services and Mike's Antique & Sporting Arms of Haverhill will present a course on Basics of Hot Pepper Defensive Sprays Wednesday, Oct. 18, from 6 to 9:30 p.m. at Doherty Middle School on Martlet Street.

Principals called the first day of school a smooth and exciting transition for students at Andover High, South Elementary and Sanborn schools, where students had their first look since June at the changes construction brought. Tours of both Andover High School and South showed that there was reason for excitement, particularly at South. Living up to their promises, officials delivered a brighter, bigger and newer school for the returning students.

Rep. Gary Coon, R-Andover, will hold local office hours Wednesday, Sept. 20, at North Essex Community College, Lawrence campus, from 6 to 7 p.m., and at Memorial Hall Library from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m.

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Business

River Road's Footbridge: The Kelly Girl of technology age

By Judy Wakefield

Sitting in the conference room of his staffing company in west Andover, Footbridge Companies president Rich O'Donnell hears a familiar bell sound and can't help but laugh a bit.

"It means we made a deal," he says of the noise, which is similar to the sound one hears at a boxing match in between rounds.

O'Donnell is certainly punching up some big numbers at his 5-year-old firm.

Footbridge could be called the Kelly Girl of the technology age. It places engineers and IT-types in various high-tech companies in 21 states.

The national magazine *Inc.* will recognize Footbridge as one of the fastest-growing small companies in the country when its new issue hits newsstands next

month, said O'Donnell. Five-hundred companies are selected each year by the magazine and photographers have already visited the company's office, located at 1 Technology Drive.

"They don't say where you are on the list and frankly, I don't care if we're number 499. We made it, and that's good for our employees," said O'Donnell.

Inc. recognized Footbridge's triple-digit growth between 2002 and 2004. It grew 407 percent during those years and 130 percent during 2003-04. Sales figures increased even more quickly, from \$2.6 million in 2002 to \$15.5 million in 2004. They are expected to hit \$20 million when the books are closed

for 2005, O'Donnell said.

Boston-area business watchers already know about the Footbridge numbers as *Boston Business Journal* named the company one of the fastest-growing small companies in Massachusetts in February 2005. The company placed third on the *BBJ* list.

"Kelly Girl was staffing and that's what we do. But, we are specifically for engineers and IT workers and Kelly was clerical," O'Donnell said. "We'll place someone for the duration of a project. That's how it works."

He has 25 employees and said they typically place workers in high-tech companies in the Routes 128 and 495 areas.

"We were like everyone after September 11," he said when asked to reflect on the company's growth, meaning business slowed and profits were non-existent after the terrorist attacks.

But the numbers have boomed for the past three years and Footbridge, like many high-tech companies, is enjoying the comeback and the growth that has followed.

The company has always been in Andover, starting out in a 3,000-square-foot office on North Main Street, in the Tactician Building across from the Lanam Club.

Its growth prompted a move, but O'Donnell said he knew his company would stay in Andover. "It's a good

business town with a good business base and I like that," he said.

Staying close to home was also important to this father of three who lives in North Andover, and whose wife also works in Andover.

Technology Drive is located off River Road, near Interstate 93, and he said this makes it a good location for clients and employees. The company has 6,000 square feet there.

O'Donnell was formerly with Contract Solutions Inc., which he sold. After taking some time off, he started Footbridge, which is named after a beach in Maine, where he owns a home.

He sees his company as a "connector," and plans to connect even more people with high-tech companies – and to keep that boxing bell ringing.

Inc. puts firm on its fastest-growing-company list

BRIEFS

Yang's returns to Andover

Diana Kiesel is no stranger to Andover – and neither is her business, Yang's Fitness Center, the center she owns with her husband.

"We were here before, at Dundee Park, and it's just a town that we always wanted to come back to," she says.

Alex and Diana Kiesel purchased an Andover gym space on June 6 so that they could return to Dundee Park this year. This month their business has begun offering martial arts and yoga as the couple's North Andover studio closes.

Their first studio opened in Andover in 1988. In 1995, they moved within town to Dundee Park, and in 2000 they relocated to North Andover. Now they are back.

"We always wanted to come back to Andover, but at the time there wasn't any space available," says Alex Kiesel. In June, "We found the possibility."

Yang's is open 5 a.m. to 9:30 p.m. Monday through Thursday, 5 a.m. to 8 p.m. on Fridays, 6:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturdays, and 7 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sundays.

— Alessandra Siraco
What's Up contributor

Boston Bar leadership post



Jesse Redlener

The Boston Bar Association has named Andover resident Jesse I. Redlener co-chairman of the Young Lawyers Committee of the Bankruptcy Law Section. Redlener is an associate in the Business Department at the Boston law firm of Nutter, McClennen & Fish LLP.

Redlener received his J.D. from the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law (magna cum laude) and his bachelor's degree from the University of Massachusetts at Boston (magna cum laude).

Greeley takes Elite award

Andover resident Nancy Greeley, vice president of relocation services, was been given the Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage International President's Elite award. Greeley received this award for placing within the top 4 percent of Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage representatives internationally.

"Our success is highly dependant on the professionalism and dedication of our team of relocation service providers," said Moran. "Nancy has demonstrated the talent and the quality customer service that is paramount in the relocation industry."

Greeley is a 22-year veteran of the real estate relocation industry. She began her career in 1982 as the first relocation director for a top producing real estate office, where she established their relocation department. Greeley joined Coldwell Banker Residential Brokerage in 1990 and in 2001 was designated as a member of the International Presidents Elite. She has lived in Andover for more than 30 years and is an active volunteer in the community and school parent associations. She lives in Andover with her husband, three children and one granddaughter.

HEY, WHAT'S FOR DINNER?!

New business, Dish, helps answer the often-dreaded question

By Judy Wakefield

Convenience. Moms gotta have it when it comes to feeding their families – and the two women behind Dish say they can deliver it.

Dish is a new cooking business on Andover Street designed to answer the cry of those calling for healthy, no-hassle, ready-to-cook dinners.

"The new concept in dining is convenient, prepared meals," said resident Amy Aycock, co-owner of the just-opened Dish. "It's all about convenience for us moms – and we're all about that."

Certainly, the two can speak from experience about what mothers need. Aycock, a mother of three girls herself, is expecting her fourth child and first son in December. She's teamed with a self-described "foodie" Lea Savely, her friend and neighbor. Savely also has three daughters.

These two women met at a neighborhood book club and learned they both love to cook and wanted to go into the food business.

For bedtime reading Savely says she pulls something from her large pile of cooking magazines or her impressive library of cookbooks. While some moms prefer light reading at night, she likes to start thinking about the next day menus for her business.

Cooking is apparently in both her and Aycock's genes, as their mothers love to cook as well. They grew up in homes where something delicious was always simmering on the stove and Sunday dinner was a must-attend event because the food was so good, they said.

But, that was then. Now, women work and Sunday meals are squeezed in between kids' scheduled activities. Aycock and Savely spent the summer preparing the business for its September opening and many-a-night it was the witching hour when their cell phones started ringing and family members asked, "What's for dinner?"

Fortunately, they can whip up samples from their Dish kitchen – and they said their husbands are very grateful that they chose the food business for careers. After all, when they come home late from



PHOTO BY TIM JEAN

Amy Aycock (left) and Lea Savely, co-owners of Dish, offered crab cakes to guests during an open house last week. Dish prepares food for people, who can head home with it and pop it in the oven.

work, they always have food with them.

That's what Dish is all about. Last-minute convenience dinners. And they are not fast food.

Dish cooks do all the tedious busy work, such as menu planning, cutting vegetables and making sure all ingredients are on hand. Here's how Dish works:

- It handles menu planning and food preparation.
- It makes healthy meals without preservatives.

- Each meal costs \$27 and is made in a 13x9 pan to serve four to six people.

- Smaller portions are available.
- Customers cook the meal or freeze it.

- Customers place an order in the morning through the company Web site (www.dinnerbydish.com) or by telephoning.

- Customers pick up the order later in the day.

"You can put our meals on a fancy platter and take all the credit. That's fine with us. It definitely will

impress your mother-in-law," giggled Aycock while sitting in her warm, open, Tuscan-themed storefront. There is a small, granite-counter bar with stools where visitors can watch the cooks work.

Customers can pick up more than just dinner, as selectmen approved a wine-only permit on Sept. 12. Dish carries a small selection of wine, which can come in handy on parents' rare kid-free nights.

"Market research shows us that people want healthy food, yet one-third of weekly family meals are (eaten) on-the-go," Savely said. "Convenience for us moms really matters."

"When you arrive, your order is ready for you. At home, either cook it or freeze it. Customers are in and out in five minutes. And there's plenty of parking here," Aycock said.

Mediterranean-style stuffed peppers with ground beef, orzo and feta cheese are on the Dish menu. So is country fried chicken dipped

in a secret buttermilk recipe, along with a bourbon-chicken dish. The women swear by their baked macaroni and cheese, saying all kids love it. The menu changes every month and is available on the company Web site.

Dish offers a 12-meal special for \$265.

"There's no secret to this concept. That's a good price that works out to \$3.68 per person and it's a healthy and delicious meal," said Aycock, who formerly worked in computer sales.

Dish is not a catering business, so its owners do not deliver meals. All meals are kept refrigerated until they are picked up, and packages with raw meat are clearly marked.

Dish had an open house last Thursday where guests checked out the decor and grabbed copies of the October menu.

"Moms come in between dropping off their kids at all their activities. That's why we're here and we know this is going to work," Aycock said.

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AHS SPORTS ROUNDUP

■ GIRLS VOLLEYBALL

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and then started off slow in game five. Lawrence was fired up by the comeback and their fans were going wild.

"Some of our girls got down on themselves," said Sullivan. "Others stepped up their play — but it wasn't quite enough."

Andover finished with 29 kills, nine service aces and went 103-for-126 hitting (82 percent) and 79-for-89 serving (89 percent).

The eventual downfall was passing, where the Lady Warriors were only 133-for-219 for 61 percent.

"That's why we lost the match," said Sullivan. "We gave them a lot of free hits. We weren't aggressive enough and Lawrence made us pay the price."

Sara Kelleher went 22-for-27 hitting with five kills. "She also had an ace and was outstanding as a blocker at the net," said Sullivan. "It was the best match she's ever played for us."

Samantha Kerivan contributed 28-for-35 hitting, eight kills and 17-for-18 serving. Jen Merinder finished 16-for-20 hitting, with three kills, and 10-for-12 serving with two aces. Kelly O'Dea was 14-for-15 hitting and 11-for-13 serving, with four kills and two aces, while Andrea Kurkul added 15-for-17 hitting, 13-for-13 serving, five kills and one ace.

Kasey O'Dea was instrumental as a blocker and hitter (3-for-3, one kill). Allie Navarro had three aces, one kill, 15-for-17 serving and 2-for-3 hitting. Also chipping in were Ashley Ahern (14-for-16 serving), Karen McSweeney (one kill), Kerry Hill and Heather Arvidson.

The defensive statistics (passing, digging) included Kerivan's 20-for-32, Merinder's 20-for-39, Kelly O'Dea's 20-for-40, Kurkul's 16-for-25, Navarro's 20-for-29, Ahern's 19-for-30, Kelleher's 8-for-13 and Meghan Thomann's 7-for-11.

Coach Stephanie Brown's Andover JV's remained perfect with a 2-0 victory in the prelim. The 26-24, 25-20 sweep was sparked by Shayna Orent (nine hits, one kill), Annie Tibbitts (eight hits, three kills, eight digs, six aces) and Kim Crawford (three aces, strong defense).

Andover 3 Haverhill 0

Forty-eight hours after the tough loss to Lawrence, the Lady Warriors were

back on the court for their most lopsided win of the season.

In a rarity, AHS captured all three games by the same convincing 25-11 score.

"We were strong in every facet of the game," said Sullivan, "including defense where our 75 percent success (passing, digs) was a marked improvement."

"Even though the caliber of the competition wasn't as strong — the performance was encouraging."

The locals finished the match with 24 kills, 14 aces, 54-for-64 hitting (84 percent), 68-for-72 serving (94 percent) and 85-for-114 passing (75 percent).

Sam Kerivan had seven kills and one ace, going 14-for-16 hitting, 11-for-11 serving and 17-for-19 on defense.

Sara Kelleher added four kills, 8-for-9 hitting and 4-for-6 passing.

Jen Merinder went 7-for-8 hitting, with two kills, 9-for-11 serving and 15-for-18 defensively.

Kelly O'Dea was the top server, 15-for-15 with three aces, and she also went 18-for-21 on defense and 3-for-4 hitting with one kill.

Ashley Ahern served up a team-high four aces and went 9-for-10 from the line, while Allie Navarro was a perfect 3-for-3 hitting, 12-for-12 serving with two aces and one kill. She also went 15-for-22 passing.

Other top hitters were Caroline O'Malley (4-for-4, three kills), Kerry Hill (5-for-6, two kills), Meghan Thomann (3-for-3, two kills), Karen McSweeney (2-for-2, one kill), Heather Arvidson (2-for-4, one kill) and Andrea Kurkul (3-for-4). Kurkul added 5-for-6 serving, with two aces, and 4-for-7 on defense.

The JV-A squad moved to 6-0 with a 2-0 sweep in the prelim, winning a pair of close decisions 25-23 and 26-24 in overtime.

Leading the way were Annie Tibbitts (five hits, two kills), Shayna Orent (eight hits, four kills, strong defense), Katie Fionte (four hits, one kill, defense), Annaliese Mesler (four hits, one kill, defense), Kayla McRoy (setting) and Kim Crawford (defense).

Andover JV-B is 2-0 after a 2-1 squeeze past Haverhill by 26-24, 23-25, 15-9 scores. Playing well were Emily Hsieh and Lauren Kirkland (all-around), Stephanie Shin (9-for-12 serving, five aces), Rebecca Johnson (7-for-8 serving, two aces), Emily Welsh (hitting) and

Daria Tchessalova (defense).

GOLF

After a fast start the Andover High golf team has been scuffling abit, dropping three of four matches during one recent stretch after winning four straight.

The Golden Warriors were 6-4 overall following a 13.5 to 6.5 victory over Haverhill Tuesday at Indian Ridge Country Club. They needed just two more wins in their six remaining regular season matches to qualify for the Division 1 North Sectional Tournament. That did not count yesterday's match versus Methuen, played after *Townsmans* presstime at IRCC.

"The league is getting tougher and more competitive," said AHS coach Ken Kwajewski. "It's really well-balanced this year. There are a lot of good players and it makes for some interesting (and unpredictable) matches."

The locals remain hard to beat at Indian Ridge with an 19-3 record in their last 22 matches at IRCC.

Hole-In-One

Junior Kevin Calabro, playing No. 1 for the first time this season in Tuesday's match against Haverhill, recorded a rare hole-in-one to highlight his round.

Calabro used an 8-iron to ace the 168-yard, par 3 third hole at Indian Ridge. It was his second career ace.

Andover 13.5 Haverhill 6.5

The locals shuffled their lineup and avenged a season-opening 12-8 loss to Haverhill with this come-from-behind triumph Tuesday at IRCC.

Trailing 6.5 to 3.5 after the first two groups, AHS won the match by outscoring the visiting Hillies 10-0 in the final two foursomes.

No. 5 James Gaffney (1-up) and No. 6 Mike Shea (4-and-3) won their matches, and the pair captured the best ball 4-and-3, to give the locals their first lead. Closing out the victory were No. 7 Luke Bruno and No. 8 Dave Boudreau, who won 1-up and 3-and-2 respectively while also taking the best ball point, 3-and-2.

Colin Brennan, playing No. 3, had an earlier 4-and-3 victory and teamed with Eric Latsey to take the best ball, 4-and-3.

In the first group, Kevin Calabro (with his hole-in-one) and Dave Douvadjian both lost their individual matches but managed to halve the best ball.

THE BACK PAGE

Firing up fall memories



Bill Dalton

My father worked odd and long hours, but he always had Friday afternoons off. That was his time to putter around the yard and be with his family. In the autumn, we spent a good amount of time raking leaves. It was a big yard and took several afternoons to do. As we raked, we talked — often about sports, particularly football.

Dad would speak of famous players like Red Grange of Georgia Tech, Albie Booth of Yale, and Eddie Mahan of Harvard. He'd tell stories about local people who played for Punchard (the high school in Andover), Johnson (North Andover), Tenney (Methuen) and old Lawrence teams. In detail, I'd hear about games dating as far back as 1909.

Names of people I knew, such as Leo Daly, Everett Collins and my Uncle Bill Dalton, often would pop up. In my mind's eye, I would see their derring-do exploits on local athletic fields. With very little prodding Dad would reminisce about the two undefeated teams he quarterbacked at Punchard, and these, of course, were my favorite stories.

Not all of what he talked about involved athletic ventures, but it did all

contain common threads of sportsmanship, courage, morality, chivalry, and simple, easy-to-understand virtues. My father, born in the last month of the last century, was a Victorian man who was never ashamed of praising what was right and damning what was not. The talking slowed when he finished piling leaves along the side of the road. Then came the reward for the raking.

Usually, we'd make one pile larger than the rest so that kids could jump into it and wrestle around. Sometimes we'd be completely buried and breathe in so much leaf dust that we'd begin to sneeze. But as much fun as that was, the best was yet to come — the fire.

On some Friday afternoons, when the neighbors also were burning their leaves, the whole sky was filled with smoke, and it was wonderful. Grey-white clouds would roll and billow upward, carrying bits of ash and pieces of burning leaves. The smoky scent would fill our heads and permeate our clothes. There was no better smell.

While the fire was really going, we would stand as close to the flames as we could, and although our backs might be chilly, our fronts would be toasty warm. As the fire died, we'd stare into the red glow, and our thoughts would drift like the smoke.

Before the fire was gone, upside-down rakes would be slipped into the bottom of the pile, and we'd throw the smoldering leaves into the air where they'd burst into flames for a last time. Turn to ash and float away on the wind.

As my time has floated away, I realize how important those days were to me.

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